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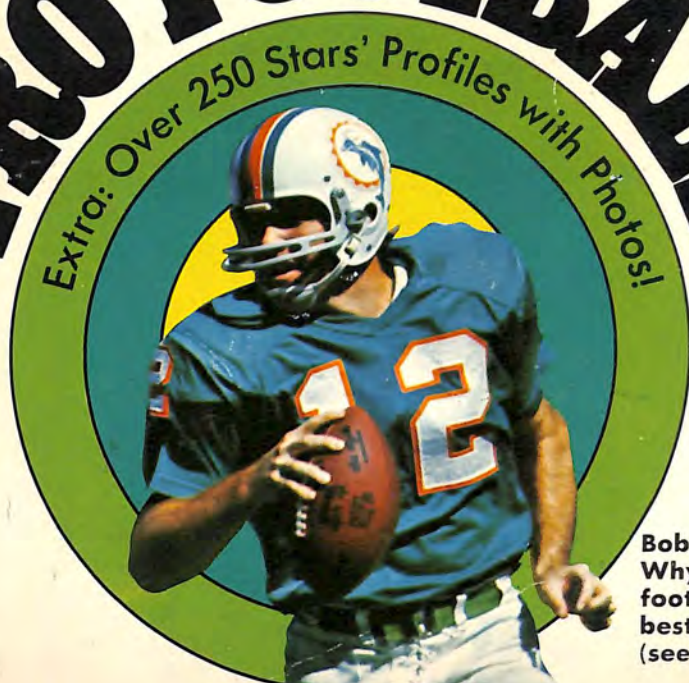
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Again this year I want to thank the public relations directors of the 26 NFL teams for their help in providing the research material for this fourth Complete Handbook of Pro Football. Always of immeasurable help are Don Weiss, NFL information director; Jim Heffernan, director of information for the NFC; Harold Rosenthal, director of information for the AFC; Joe Browne, assistant to Mr. Weiss; and Kay O'Reilly of the NFL staff.

Again this year sportswriter Jim Benagh wrote the section on the AFC and supervised the editorial production, working with Rich Marchione and Bruce Sherrill of 20th Century Graphics, Inc. They have again put together our exclusive 1973 PRO FOOTBALL SCHEDULE on pages 4 through 7.—John Devaney.

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NFL KICKOFF 1973 All Out for Super Bowl VIII

Two rules that would have added spice to the 1973 NFL season were rejected by the owners. One rule would have allowed coaches the option of running or passing for two points instead of the near-automatic kick for one. The other rule would have called for sudden-death overtime to unknot tie games.

Coaches were unhappy about having to opt among passing, kicking or running after touchdowns. And some people thought the TV networks would have been unhappy about sudden-death games running on into prime-time viewing. Most fans, though, would have loved both changes.

Coming up is an NFL season where we're likely to see even more rushing than in 1972, which was The Year of the Running Back. There were 10 runners who gained 1,000-plus yards in 1972 compared to five in 1971. Last year NFL offenses gained almost 50% of their yards on the ground compared to 40% a few years earlier. Moving the hashmarks closer helped; there's room to run on either side. And zone defenses that sealed off speedy receivers have opened running lanes. Could we be coming to the year of the 2,000-yard runner?

Below is how it all came out last time, the second-place playoff or "wild-card" teams shown by an asterisk.

FINAL 1972 N.F.L. STANDINGS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE							NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE						
Central	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP	Central	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Pittsburgh	11	3	0	.786	343	175	Green Bay	10	4	0	.714	304	226
*Cleveland	10	4	0	.714	268	249	Detroit	8	5	1	.607	339	290
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	299	229	Minnesota	7	7	0	.500	301	252
Houston	1	13	0	.071	164	380	Chicago	4	9	1	.321	225	275
Western	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP	Western	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Oakland	10	3	1	.750	365	248	San Francisco	8	5	1	.607	353	249
Kansas City	8	6	0	.571	287	254	Atlanta	7	7	0	.500	269	274
Denver	5	9	0	.429	325	350	Los Angeles	6	7	1	.464	291	286
San Diego	4	9	1	.321	264	344	New Orleans	2	11	1	.179	215	361
Eastern	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP	Eastern	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Miami	14	0	0	1.000	385	171	Washington	11	3	0	.786	336	218
N.Y. Jets	7	7	0	.500	367	324	* Dallas	10	4	0	.714	319	240
Baltimore	5	9	0	.429	235	252	N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571	331	247
Buffalo	4	9	1	.321	257	377	St. Louis	4	9	1	.321	193	303
New England	3	11	0	.214	192	446	Philadelphia	2	11	1	.179	145	352

AFC Divisional Playoffs:
Pittsburgh 13, Oakland 7
Miami 20, Cleveland 14

NFC Divisional Playoffs
Dallas 30, San Francisco 28
Washington 16, Green Bay 3

AFC Championship
Miami 21, Pittsburgh 17

NFC Championship
Washington 26, Dallas 3

Super Bowl VII
Miami 14, Washington 7

1973 NFL GAME

PRE-SEASON GAMES ON NATIONAL TV

FRI. JULY 27 8:30 P.M. MIAMI VS. COLLEGE ALL-STARS (AT CHICAGO) ABC

SAT. JULY 28 4:00 P.M.
NEW ENGLAND VS. SAN FRANCISCO
(AT CANTON, OHIO) ABCSAT. AUG. 18 8:00 P.M.
MINNESOTA AT KANSAS CITY
NBCFRI. AUG. 24 8:00 P.M.
LOS ANGELES AT MIAMI
NBCSUN. AUG. 26 8:00 P.M.
GREEN BAY AT KANSAS CITY
ABC

SEASON SCHEDULE: ALL GAMES ON TV

NFC TEAMS	SUNDAYS AT 1 P.M. EXCEPT AS NOTED (ALL STARTING TIMES IN CITY WHERE GAME IS PLAYED)						
	SEPT. 16	SEPT. 23	SEPT. 30	OCT. 7	OCT. 14	OCT. 21	OCT. 28
ATLANTA	AWAY New Orleans CBS	AWAY Los Angeles CBS	AWAY✓ Detroit Oct. 1 9 P.M. ABC	HOME S.F. CBS	HOME Chicago CBS	AWAY San Diego CBS	AWAY S.F. CBS
CHICAGO	HOME Dallas CBS	HOME Minnesota CBS	AWAY Denver 2 P.M. CBS	AWAY New Orleans CBS	AWAY Atlanta CBS	HOME New Eng. NBC	HOME Houston NBC
DALLAS	AWAY Chicago CBS	HOME✓ New Orleans Sept. 24 8 P.M. ABC	HOME St. Louis CBS	AWAY✓ Washington Oct. 8 9 P.M. ABC	AWAY✓ Los Angeles CBS	HOME✓ N.Y. Giants 3 P.M. CBS	AWAY Philadelphia CBS
DETROIT	AWAY✓ Pittsburgh 4 P.M. CBS	AWAY Green Bay CBS	HOME✓ Atlanta Oct. 1 9 P.M. ABC	HOME✓ Minnesota 4 P.M. CBS	AWAY New Orleans CBS	HOME Baltimore NBC	HOME Green Bay CBS
GREEN BAY	HOME✓ Jets (Mil.) Sept. 17 8 P.M. ABC	HOME Detroit CBS	AWAY Minnesota CBS	AWAY N.Y. Giants CBS	HOME K.C. (Mil.) CBS	AWAY L.A. CBS	AWAY Detroit CBS
LOS ANGELES	AWAY Kansas City 3 P.M. CBS	HOME Atlanta CBS	AWAY S.F. CBS	AWAY Houston CBS	HOME✓ Dallas CBS	HOME Green Bay CBS	AWAY Minnesota CBS
MINNESOTA	HOME Oakland NBC	AWAY Chicago CBS	HOME Green Bay CBS	AWAY✓ Detroit 4 P.M. CBS	AWAY S.F. CBS	HOME Phil. CBS	HOME Los Angeles CBS
NEW ORLEANS	HOME Atlanta CBS	AWAY✓ Dallas Sept. 24 8 P.M. ABC	AWAY Baltimore 2 P.M. CBS	HOME Chicago CBS	HOME Detroit CBS	AWAY S.F. CBS	HOME Washington CBS
N.Y. GIANTS	HOME Houston NBC	HOME Philadelphia CBS	AWAY Cleveland CBS	HOME Green Bay CBS	HOME Washington CBS	AWAY✓ Dallas 3 P.M. CBS	AWAY St. Louis CBS
PHILA.	HOME St. Louis CBS	AWAY N.Y. Giants CBS	HOME Washington CBS	AWAY Buffalo CBS	AWAY St. Louis CBS	AWAY Minnesota CBS	HOME Dallas CBS
ST. LOUIS	AWAY Phil. CBS	HOME Washington CBS	AWAY Dallas CBS	HOME Oakland NBC	HOME Philadelphia CBS	AWAY Washington CBS	HOME N.Y. Giants CBS
SAN FRANCISCO	AWAY Miami CBS	AWAY Denver 2 P.M. CBS	HOME Los Angeles CBS	AWAY Atlanta CBS	HOME Minnesota CBS	HOME New Orleans CBS	HOME Atlanta CBS
WASHINGTON	HOME San Diego NBC	AWAY St. Louis CBS	AWAY Phil. CBS	HOME✓ Dallas Oct. 8 9 P.M. ABC	AWAY N.Y. Giants CBS	HOME St. Louis CBS	AWAY New Orleans CBS

AND TV SCHEDULE

FRI, AUG. 31 9:00 P.M. MIAMI AT MINNESOTA CBS	SAT. SEPT. 1 8:00 P.M. DETROIT AT CLEVELAND NBC	THURS. SEPT. 6 9:00 P.M. MIAMI AT DALLAS CBS	SUN. SEPT. 9 8:30 P.M. CHICAGO AT WASHINGTON CBS
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■ INDICATES A NON-SUNDAY GAME

SUNDAYS AT 1 P.M. EXCEPT AS NOTED (ALL STARTING TIMES IN CITY WHERE GAME IS PLAYED)							NFC TEAMS
NOV. 4	NOV. 11	NOV. 18	NOV. 25	DEC. 2	DEC. 9	DEC. 16	
HOME Los Angeles CBS	AWAY Philadelphia CBS	HOME ✓ Minnesota Nov. 18 9 P.M. ABC	AWAY ✓ N.Y. Jets 4 P.M. CBS	HOME Buffalo NBC	HOME St. Louis CBS	HOME New Orleans CBS	ATLANTA
AWAY Green Bay CBS	AWAY ✓ Kansas City Nov. 12 8 P.M. ABC	HOME Detroit CBS	AWAY Minnesota CBS	HOME Los Angeles CBS	AWAY Detroit CBS	HOME Green Bay CBS	CHICAGO
HOME Cincinnati NBC	AWAY N.Y. Giants CBS	HOME Philadelphia CBS	HOME Miami Nov. 22 2:30 NBC	AWAY Denver 2 P.M. CBS	HOME Wash. 3 P.M. CBS	AWAY St. Louis CBS	DALLAS
HOME ✓ S.F. 4 P.M. CBS	AWAY Minnesota CBS	AWAY Chicago CBS	HOME ✓ Washington Nov. 22 12:15 CBS	AWAY St. Louis CBS	HOME Chicago CBS	AWAY ✓ Miami Dec. 15 CBS	DETROIT
HOME Chicago CBS	HOME St. Louis CBS	AWAY New Eng. CBS	AWAY ✓ S.F. Nov. 28 6 P.M. ABC	HOME New Or. (Mil) CBS	HOME ✓ Minn. Dec. 8 12 Noon CBS	AWAY Chicago CBS	GREEN BAY
AWAY Atlanta CBS	HOME New Orleans CBS	HOME ✓ S.F. CBS	AWAY New Orleans CBS	AWAY Chicago CBS	HOME ✓ N.Y. Giants Dec. 10 6 P.M. ABC	HOME ✓ Cleveland NBC	LOS ANGELES
HOME Cleveland NBC	HOME Detroit CBS	AWAY ✓ Atlanta Nov. 19 9 P.M. ABC	HOME Chicago CBS	AWAY Cincinnati CBS	AWAY ✓ Green Bay Dec. 8 12 Noon CBS	AWAY N.Y. Giants CBS	MINNESOTA
HOME Buffalo NBC	AWAY Los Angeles CBS	AWAY San Diego CBS	HOME Los Angeles CBS	AWAY Gr. Bay (Mil) CBS	HOME S.F. CBS	AWAY Atlanta CBS	NEW ORLEANS
AWAY Oakland CBS	HOME Dallas CBS	HOME St. Louis CBS	AWAY Philadelphia CBS	AWAY Washington CBS	AWAY Los Angeles Dec. 10 6 P.M. ABC	HOME Minnesota CBS	N.Y. GIANTS
HOME New Eng. NBC	HOME Atlanta CBS	AWAY Dallas CBS	HOME N.Y. Giants CBS	AWAY S.F. CBS	HOME N.Y. Jets NBC	AWAY Wash. CBS	PHILA.
HOME Denver NBC	AWAY Green Bay CBS	AWAY N.Y. Giants CBS	AWAY Cincinnati CBS	HOME Detroit CBS	AWAY Atlanta CBS	HOME Dallas CBS	ST. LOUIS
AWAY ✓ Detroit 4 P.M. CBS	AWAY Washington CBS	AWAY Los Angeles CBS	HOME ✓ Green Bay Nov. 26 6 P.M. ABC	HOME Phil. CBS	AWAY New Orleans CBS	HOME ✓ Pittsburgh Dec. 15 NBC	SAN FRAN.
AWAY ✓ Pittsburgh Nov. 5 9 P.M. ABC	HOME S.F. CBS	HOME Baltimore NBC	AWAY ✓ Detroit Nov. 22 12:15 CBS	HOME N.Y. Giants CBS	AWAY ✓ Dallas 3 P.M. CBS	HOME Philadelphia CBS	WASHINGTON

FOR AFC LISTINGS AND NOTES TO CHART, TURN PAGE

AFC TEAMS	SUNDAYS AT 1 P.M. EXCEPT AS NOTED (ALL STARTING TIMES IN CITY WHERE GAME IS PLAYED)						
	SEPT. 16	SEPT. 23	SEPT. 30	OCT. 7	OCT. 14	OCT. 21	OCT. 28
BALTIMORE	AWAY Cleveland NBC	HOME N.Y. Jets 2 P.M. NBC	HOME New Orleans 2 P.M. CBS	AWAY New Eng. NBC	AWAY Buffalo NBC	AWAY Detroit NBC	HOME Oakland 2 P.M. NBC
BUFFALO	AWAY New England NBC	AWAY San Diego NBC	HOME N.Y. Jets NBC	HOME Phil. CBS	HOME Baltimore NBC	AWAY Miami NBC	HOME/ Kansas City Oct. 29 9 P.M. ABC
CINCINNATI	AWAY Denver 2 P.M. NBC	HOME Houston NBC	AWAY San Diego NBC	HOME Cleveland NBC	HOME Pittsburgh NBC	HOME/ Kansas City 4 P.M. NBC	AWAY/ Pittsburgh 4 P.M. NBC
CLEVELAND	HOME Baltimore NBC	AWAY Pittsburgh NBC	HOME N.Y. Giants CBS	AWAY Cincinnati NBC	HOME/ Miami Oct. 15 9 P.M. ABC	HOME Houston NBC	HOME San Diego NBC
DENVER	HOME Cincinnati 2 P.M. NBC	HOME S.F. 2 P.M. CBS	HOME Chicago 2 P.M. CBS	AWAY Kansas City NBC	AWAY Houston NBC	HOME/ Oakland Oct. 22 7 P.M. ABC	AWAY N.Y. Jets NBC
HOUSTON	AWAY N.Y. Giants NBC	AWAY Cincinnati NBC	HOME Pittsburgh NBC	HOME Los Angeles CBS	HOME Denver NBC	AWAY Cleveland NBC	AWAY Chicago NBC
KAN. CITY	HOME L.A. 3 P.M. CBS	AWAY New Eng. NBC	HOME/ Oakland 3 P.M. NBC	HOME Denver NBC	AWAY/ Gr. Bay (Mil) NBC	AWAY/ Cincinnati 4 P.M. NBC	AWAY/ Buffalo Oct. 29 9 P.M. ABC
MIAMI	HOME S.F. CBS	AWAY/ Oakland NBC	HOME New Eng. NBC	AWAY N.Y. Jets NBC	AWAY/ Cleveland Oct. 15 9 P.M. ABC	HOME Buffalo NBC	AWAY New Eng. NBC
NEW ENG.	HOME Buffalo NBC	HOME Kansas City NBC	AWAY Miami NBC	HOME Baltimore NBC	AWAY N.Y. Jets NBC	AWAY Chicago NBC	HOME Miami NBC
N.Y. JETS	AWAY/ Gr. Bay (Mil) Sept. 17 8 P.M. ABC	AWAY Baltimore 2 P.M. NBC	AWAY Buffalo NBC	HOME Miami NBC	HOME New Eng. NBC	HOME Pittsburgh NBC	HOME Denver NBC
OAKLAND	AWAY Minnesota NBC	HOME/ Miami NBC	AWAY/ Kansas City 3 P.M. NBC	AWAY St. Louis NBC	HOME San Diego NBC	AWAY/ Denver Oct. 22 7 P.M. ABC	AWAY Baltimore 2 P.M. NBC
PITTSBURGH	HOME/ Detroit 4 P.M. CBS	HOME Cleveland NBC	AWAY Houston NBC	HOME San Diego NBC	AWAY Cincinnati NBC	AWAY N.Y. Jets NBC	HOME/ Cincinnati 4 P.M. NBC
SAN DIEGO	AWAY Washington NBC	HOME Buffalo NBC	HOME Cincinnati NBC	AWAY Pittsburgh NBC	AWAY Oakland NBC	HOME Atlanta CBS	AWAY Cleveland NBC

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ON NATIONAL TV

Saturday, Dec. 22 — AFC and NFC Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
 Sunday, Dec. 23 — AFC and NFC Playoffs (NBC and CBS)

Sunday, December 30
 AFC Championship Game — NBC
 NFC Championship Game — CBS

NOTES:

NATIONALLY TELEVIEWED GAMES INDICATED BY / ARE SATURDAY, MONDAY NIGHT, THANKSGIVING DAY, SUNDAY "DOUBLEHEADER" GAMES.

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NOV. 4	NOV. 11	NOV. 18	NOV. 25	DEC. 2	DEC. 9	DEC. 16	
HOME Houston 2 P.M. NBC	AWAY Miami NBC	AWAY Washington NBC	HOME Buffalo 2 P.M. NBC	AWAY N.Y. Jets NBC	HOME Miami 2 P.M. NBC	HOME New England 2 P.M. NBC	BALTIMORE
AWAY New Orleans NBC	HOME Cincinnati NBC	HOME Miami NBC	AWAY Baltimore 2 P.M. NBC	AWAY Atlanta NBC	HOME N.E. NBC	AWAY N.Y. Jets NBC	BUFFALO
AWAY Dallas NBC	AWAY Buffalo NBC	AWAY N.Y. Jets NBC	HOME St. Louis CBS	HOME Minnesota CBS	AWAY Cleveland NBC	AWAY Houston NBC	CINCINNATI
AWAY Minnesota NBC	AWAY Houston NBC	AWAY Oakland NBC	HOME Pittsburgh NBC	AWAY Kansas City 3 P.M. NBC	AWAY Cincinnati NBC	AWAY Los Angeles NBC	CLEVELAND
AWAY St. Louis NBC	HOME San Diego 2 P.M. NBC	AWAY Pittsburgh NBC	HOME Kansas City 2 P.M. NBC	HOME Dallas 2 P.M. CBS	AWAY San Diego NBC	AWAY Oakland NBC	DENVER
AWAY Baltimore 2 P.M. NBC	HOME Cleveland NBC	AWAY Kansas City NBC	HOME N.E. NBC	HOME Oakland NBC	AWAY Pittsburgh NBC	HOME Cincinnati NBC	HOUSTON
AWAY San Diego NBC	HOME/ Chicago Nov. 12 8 P.M. ABC	HOME Houston NBC	AWAY Denver 2 P.M. NBC	HOME/ Cleveland 3 P.M. NBC	AWAY/ Oakland Dec. 8 NBC	HOME San Diego NBC	KAN. CITY
HOME N.Y. Jets NBC	HOME Baltimore NBC	AWAY Buffalo NBC	AWAY/ Dallas Nov. 22 2:30 NBC	HOME/ Pittsburgh Dec. 3 9 P.M. ABC	AWAY Baltimore 2 P.M. NBC	HOME/ Detroit Dec. 15 CBS	MIAMI
AWAY Philadelphia NBC	HOME N.Y. Jets NBC	HOME Green Bay CBS	AWAY Houston NBC	HOME San Diego NBC	AWAY Buffalo NBC	AWAY Baltimore 2 P.M. NBC	NEW ENG.
AWAY Miami NBC	AWAY N.E. NBC	AWAY Cincinnati NBC	HOME/ Atlanta 4 P.M. CBS	HOME Baltimore NBC	AWAY Phil. NBC	HOME Buffalo NBC	N.Y. JETS
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HOME Kansas City NBC	AWAY Denver 2 P.M. NBC	HOME New Orleans CBS	HOME Oakland NBC	AWAY N.E. NBC	HOME Denver NBC	AWAY Kansas City NBC	SAN DIEGO

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Sunday January 13
Super Bowl VIII at Houston - CBS

Sunday, January 20
AFC - NFC Pro Bowl at Kansas City - NBC

ALL "HOME" GAMES BLACKED OUT ON TV WITHIN 75-MILE AREA OF HOME CITY. CBS OR NBC WILL PROVIDE REPLACEMENT GAMES FROM OTHER CITIES.

OUTSIDE 75-MILE BLACKOUT AREA, "HOME" GAMES WILL PROBABLY BE SHOWN ON LOCAL TV. CBS OR NBC MAY SUBSTITUTE GAMES FROM OTHER CITIES AT THEIR DISCRETION.

INSIDE THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

By Jim Benagh

Associate Editor, Complete Pro Football Handbook

Last season the American Football Conference made the "grand slam" of pro football, beating the NFC in interconference play, the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl all-star game.

With Miami looking as great as ever, with Pittsburgh and maybe Cincinnati emerging as powers, with old standbys Kansas City and Oakland holding their own, there's no reason why the AFC can't make another sweep.

The Dolphins aren't going to be 17-0 again. If you doubt that, look at the Floridians' schedule. Nobody is going unbeaten with San Francisco, Oakland, Cleveland, Dallas, Pittsburgh and Detroit on its non-divisional slate. But Miami should make it to the playoffs again, if for no other reason that the other teams in the AFC EAST are either going uphill (such as Buffalo and Baltimore) or downhill (possibly the N.Y. Jets) or standing still (New England). Look for a finish something like this: Miami, N.Y. Jets, Baltimore, Buffalo, New England—just like last year.

In the AFC CENTRAL, there should be fireworks. Pittsburgh was scaring everyone to death with its talented young club at the end of last season.

The Steelers will shake up people again. But look for Cincinnati to get back on the bandwagon, possibly as a wild-card choice for the playoffs. Cleveland performed some miracles last season but has some problem areas. Houston, which took John Matuszak in the draft, may get the first pick again; it's hard to see the Oilers winning more than a game or two.

In the AFC WEST, figure on another shoot out between Kansas City and Oakland, with K.C. getting the edge because of new faces in the lineup like Gerry Philbin's and Willie Ellison's. Oakland or K.C. will be in the running with Cincinnati for the wild-card even if either club doesn't win the division. Denver improved vastly under rookie coach John Ralston. If Charley Johnson's knees hold firm, Denver could make trouble again. But the Broncos have eight tough games on their schedule, all of them seemingly impossible to win. San Diego will get a lot of publicity because of the "newcomer" at quarterback, John Unitas. But at best, the Chargers will beat out Denver.

Come December, keep Miami, Pittsburgh, Kansas City and Oakland or Cincinnati in mind. You probably will see one of them vying for a shot at the NFC winner in Super Bowl VIII.



Miami's Earl Morrall throws under pressure.

AFC LINE-UP

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Eastern Division

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Central Division

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Cleveland Browns	34
Houston Oilers	50
Pittsburgh Steelers	98

Western Division

Denver Broncos	42
Kansas City Chiefs	58
Oakland Raiders	90
San Diego Chargers	106

BALTIMORE COLTS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Robert Irsay; Gen. Mgr.: Joe Thomas; Coach: Howard Schnellenberger; Asst. Coaches: Bobby Franklin, George Sefcik, Dick Voris, George Young; Trainer: Ed Block; Office: 600 North Howard St., Baltimore, Md. 21201; Stadium: Memorial (60,002); Colors: Royal Blue, White and Silver.



Tom Matte slips loose from Dolphins' Curtis Johnson as he closes out a magnificent Colt career. The 1973 Colts have running-back problems.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC EAST: Baltimore (3)*, Buffalo (4), Miami (1), New England (5), N.Y. Jets (2) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 5, Lost 9

STRENGTHS: The best linebackers in football; new blood on an old team; some outstanding players in several positions.

WEAKNESSES: Team morale down at end of last season, with many current players desiring to be traded; running attack questionable; could have holes in offensive line after mass of trades.

Joe Thomas galloped into Colt territory last season as general manager and promptly decided the Old Gray Mares ain't what they used to be. He only had to look at the won-lost record to figure that out although there are many people in football, and especially in Baltimore, who think that the dismal record is some of Thomas' doing. Anyway, gone are the old

BALTIMORE COLTS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
73	Amman, Richard	DE	6-5	234	22	2	Florida State
79	Bailey, Jim	DT	6-6	255	24	4	Kansas ✓
32	Curtis, Mike	LB	6-2	232	29	9	Duke
14	Domres, Marty	QB	6-4	222	26	5	Columbia
35	Doughty, Glenn	WR	6-2	204	23	3	Michigan
74	Drougas, Tom	T	6-4	257	23	2	Oregon
52	Edmunds, Randy	LB	6-2	225	27	6	Georgia Tech
30	Franklin, Willie	WR	6-2	195	23	2	Oklahoma ✓
17	Havrilak, Sam	WR	6-2	195	25	5	Bucknell
83	Hendricks, Ted	LB	6-7	220	25	5	Miami
43	Hepburn, Lonnie	CB	5-11	180	25	3	Texas Southern
85	Hilton, Roy	DE	6-6	240	30	9	Jackson State
75	Hinton, Chuck	DT	6-5	264	34	10	North Carolina College
33	Hinton, Eddie	WR	6-0	200	26	5	Oklahoma ✓
—	Hoaglin, Fred	C	6-4	250	30	9	Pittsburgh
61	Johnson, Cornelius	G	6-2	245	29	6	Virginia Union
44	Kern, Rex	S	6-1	190	24	4	Ohio State
40	Laird, Bruce	S	6-0	185	23	2	American Int'l.
51	Laskey, Bill	LB	6-3	235	30	8	Michigan
49	Lee, David	P	6-4	230	29	8	Louisiana Tech
56	May, Ray	LB	6-1	230	28	7	Southern California
23	McCauley, Don	RB	6-1	207	23	3	North Carolina
57	Mendenhall, Ken	C	6-3	235	25	3	Oklahoma ✓
11	Mildren, Jack	S	6-1	199	23	2	Oklahoma ✓
26	Mitchell, Lydell	RB	5-11	204	24	2	Penn State
84	Mitchell, Tom	TE	6-3	215	29	7	Bucknell ✓
88	Mosier, John	TE	6-3	220	25	3	Kansas ✓
31	Munsey, Nelson	CB	6-1	185	25	2	Wyoming
68	Nelson, Dennis	T	6-5	260	27	4	Illinois State
48	Nottingham, Don	RB	5-10	210	23	3	Kent State
80	O'Brien, Jim	WR-K	6-0	195	25	4	Cincinnati
—	Regner, Tom	G	6-1	255	30	7	Notre Dame
62	Ressler, Glenn	G	6-3	250	30	9	Penn State
2	Shlapak, Boris	K	6-0	165	23	2	Michigan State
78	Smith, Bubba	DE	6-7	265	29	8	Michigan State
28	Speyrer, Cotton	WR	6-0	175	24	2	Texas
47	Stukes, Charlie	CB	6-3	212	29	7	Md.—Eastern Shore
72	Vogel, Bob	T	6-5	250	31	11	Ohio State
21	Volk, Rick	S	6-3	195	28	7	Michigan
54	White, Stan	LB	6-1	225	23	2	Ohio State

standbys—John Unitas, Tom Matte, Bill Curry, Fred Miller, Dan Sullivan, Jerry Logan, plus Billy Newsome and Norm Bulaich.

Thomas was instrumental in building the Miami Dolphins into world champions. But whether he overdid it at Baltimore with 11 trades from Jan. 22 to March 15, 1973 remains to be seen. There's no question that he put himself in the hot seat.

He also got rid of two head coaches during 1972, which probably ties a record. His new coach, Howard Schnellenberger, has one thing going for him—he was one of Thomas' top employees at Miami where he guided the Dolphins' potent offense for three years.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Marty Domres, the quarterback, told what it was like to step in for Johnny Unitas in Baltimore last season:

"A woman asked me to sign autographs for two kids outside a restaurant. After she found out who I was, she said, 'I don't think much of you.'" The lady, obviously, liked the idea of a 40-year-old quarterback, rather than a 26-year-old upstart. Domres had to brave it through a season where he heard "We want John, we want John" often in the stands. Domres didn't embarrass himself as the successor to the greatest quarterback in the history of the game.

This season, Domres may suffer through a new chant—"We want Bert." Bert Jones is the youngster who was taken No. 1 by Baltimore in the college draft. He's got the marks of greatness and the Colts could find themselves in one of those sticky situations where the house is divided over its choice of quarterbacks.

But for now, Domres has the job to lose. He's got some fine receivers. Tom Mitchell is as fine a tight end as there is around, and Sam Havrilak, Eddie Hinton, and Jim O'Brien are flyers who can catch the ball.

If Domres has a problem, it may be at running back. Don Nottingham, the human bowling ball, and Don McCauley aren't bad. Sophomore prospect Lydell Mitchell shows a lot of promise, but overall the Colt running attack leaves a little to be desired. Bill Olds, a rookie from Nebraska, might be helpful.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Thomas traded away the heart of the Colt line and if Bob Vogel goes through with his retirement there may be chaos. At first glance, Fred Hoaglin should replace Curry at center, Glenn Ressler, Corny Johnson and Tom Regner (from Houston) should battle it out at guard, and Dennis Nelson and Tom Drougas should figure at tackle (if Vogel quits). But the offensive line is a laugher compared to the Colt line in the Super Bowl a few years back.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Rookies Joe Ehrmann (Syracuse) and Mike Barnes (Miami) have a chance to earn their spurs right away. Bubba Smith at end is still a superstar type, though a disenchanted one. The way things look, Smith and Roy Hilton will start at ends, Jim Bailey and Chuck Hinton at tackles. But anything could happen with the rookies.

COLTS' 1972 RECORD: WON 5, LOST 9

3	*St. Louis	10	24	New England	17
34	*New York Jets	44	21	San Francisco	24
17	Buffalo	0	20	Cincinnati	19
20	*San Diego	23	31	*New England	0
0	*Dallas	21	35	*Buffalo	7
20	New York Jets	24	10	Kansas City	24
0	*Miami	23	0	Miami	16

Total Colt Pts.: 235 Total Opp. Pts.: 252 *Home Games

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Ted Hendricks, Mike Curtis and Ray May are as good a linebacking trio as football has seen in some time. Enough said. Rick Volk is an all-star type of safety. Charlie Stukes at cornerback won't hurt anyone. But can Jack Mildren and/or Rex Kern at the other safety and Lonnie Hepburn or Nelson Munsey or Bruce Laird at the other CB cut it? Only the opposing quarterbacks know. The jury is still out.

SPECIALISTS: Jim O'Brien is alive and well but he may still not be kicking. If he's needed for pass-catching chores the better-than-average kicker may give way to newcomer George Hunt (picked up from Cleveland) or Karl Kremser (ex-Miami). David Lee is a fine punter. Bruce Laird excited the Colt fans with his league-leading kick returns a year ago.

OUTLOOK: An iffy team that doesn't look like a division leader. But the Colts didn't look like a 5-9 team a year ago. The schedule is favorable, the internal problems undeterminable until the first kickoff.

THE COLT STARS

MARTY DOMRES Quarterback No. 14
Columbia 6-4 222

5th Year

April 17, 1947



Replaced a legend when he took over John Unitas' job in sixth game of 1972 season . . . It wasn't easy . . . Domres was accustomed to pressure in San Diego, where he played behind popular John Hadl, but Colt fans rode him at first . . . "I was happy to be traded out from underneath Hadl's shadow although it was even a tougher position under Unitas" . . . He figured he'd get a better opportunity because of Unitas' age . . . He ran off a streak

of well over 100 passes without an interception and he lost only 6 of 222 throws last season . . . Completed 51.8% of his throws and had 11 scoring

strikes... He was the AP Offensive Player of the Week in his first Baltimore start.

SAM HAVRILAK Wide Receiver No. 17
Bucknell 6-2 195

5th Year
Dec. 13, 1947



Came to Colts as a quarterback and still wears a thrower's number... Has seen action as QB, running back and finally a wide receiver, where he seems to be set... Had once been considered successor to Unitas and actually played five pre-season games there a few years back... He was the second leading receiver on Colts last season with 33 catches for fine 17.3-yard average and 4 TDs... Showed some of the old running form, though, with 6.0-yard average on 12 rushes, mostly end-arounds... Scored two TDs on the ground... Reached his peak in 11th game against New England when he caught two TD passes... "I don't think I ever had two in a game before"... Also was effective against Bruce Taylor of San Francisco when he snared 6 passes for 136 yards... Tied for the team lead in a hurdles drill... He also thinks he could play the secondary with a little practice... But his dream is "another shot at quarterback."

TOM MITCHELL Tight End No. 84
Bucknell 6-3 215

7th Year
August 22, 1944



Had his finest year in 1972 with 40 catches for 494 yards and 4 TDs... That put him in AFC's top 10... Had been second in conference with 33 catches the year before... Mitchell has had to work his way through the ranks... He started out with Oakland where he went from first team in one year to third-string in Baltimore... It took him five years to get a starting job again, but he finally ousted John Mackey in third game of 1971 season... When Colts put Mackey ahead of him in August of 1972, Mitchell quit the team... "I worked four years to get where I am," he said, "and they take it away in two weeks"... But he came back after a few days, partly because of Mackey's persuasion... Signed a multi-year pact in 1973... Played at 245 in college, but got down to 220 last season... "Those \$25-a-pound fines will keep me down," he says.

MIKE CURTIS Linebacker No. 32
Duke 6-2 232

9th Year
March 27, 1943



One of the few Colts who wasn't embittered over the wheelings and dealings of the front office... He said of the coaching changeover, "Now that the decision is made, I support it"... He felt Don McCafferty was too lenient... Curtis isn't lenient with opponents... He gets in on more tackles than anybody... He also had four interceptions in 1972, one short of his personal high... He carried one steal back 33 yards for a

THE COLTS' BIG PLAY

This is called a Ride-34 in the Colts' scheme of things. The halfback gets the call, but he's got to be quick-footed and shifty to cut between the guard and the tackle on the right, strong side of the line. It's not a long gainer but it's crucial to the running attack.



touchdown... Can play either the middle or outside linebacker with equal devastation... "My goal is to defeat everybody on every play," he says, "and to make all the tackles and strive to get 20 or more interceptions in a season"... That's a tall order even for a man who, Gino Marchetti says, "is going to be the best linebacker in the game"... Curtis is a brother-in-law of ex-teammate Sam Ball.

TED HENDRICKS Linebacker No. 83
Miami, Fla. 6-7 220

5th Year
Nov. 1, 1947



"The Mad Stork" has been living up to his reputation... An All-Pro and Pro Bowl pick in 1972... His former linebacker coach, Hank Bullough, called him "a new dimension in linebacking" because of his gangly size... The Colts would like to see him put on weight and have sent him back for seconds on the ice cream in training camp... But to no avail: "Once I got up to 223 but the only thing I noticed was that my watchband was tighter"... His height has allowed him to get in on spectacular plays, such as blocked kicks... He blocked a Cincinnati PAT that enabled Colts to beat Bengals, 20-19, last season... Had two interceptions... Asked to be traded to Miami where he has a home after 1972 season but Colts are reluctant to let him go... On being All-Pro, he said, "If it happens to me 20 times, I could never be indifferent to the honor."

BUBBA SMITH Defensive End No. 78
Michigan State 6-7 265

7th Year
Feb 28, 1945



Missed the entire 1972 season after knee surgery in August and was sorely missed by the Colts... He'd been an All-Pro for two previous seasons and had come into his own after paring off 32 pounds... "The ability of Bubba to again play outstanding defensive end for us will be the key to whether our defense returns to the lofty status it had before," says Coach Schnellenberger. "We hope with him we will again capture the ability to raise havoc in our

opponents' backfield" . . . Blocked 4 kicks and sacked 9 quarterbacks in 1971 when he reached his peak as a pro . . . An outspoken guy, he talked about being traded when Colts went through their internal pains last winter . . . But he's known for his feuds with coaches, from Duffy Daugherty in college to Don Shula in the pros .

RICK VOLK Safety No. 21
Michigan 6-3 195

7th Year
March 15, 1945



A super safety who has 28 career interceptions to his credit in six years as a starting strong safety . . . Fearless tackler . . . Teamed well with Jerry Logan but now must help a new safety break in . . . Volk is the key to the Colt secondary . . . "Rick is our premier man back there," says new coach Howard Schnellenberger . . . Hasn't had a bad year . . . Unanimous All-Pro in 1971 and All-AFC . . . Plays the right side . . . Runs back some punts, too . . . Started out as a quarterback in college but switched to defense and became an All-America . . . He was a second-round draft choice . . . Has played in three Pro Bowls . . . Came in second in pre-season poll by Pro Football Weekly to pick best safety in game.

TOP ROOKIES

BERT JONES Quarterback 6-3 205

Louisiana State

Almost everybody's All-America and the Sporting News player of the year . . . Set 20 records at LSU . . . His 14 TD passes were his most impressive stat . . . Son of Dub Jones, who once scored 6 TDs in a single game for the Cleveland Browns . . . Colts see him as a star of the future but he may be playing soon . . . Reads defenses great and has a sound football background.

JOE EHLMANN Defensive Tackle 6-5 260

Syracuse

During 1971, a pro scout predicted Ehrmann would be the first man picked in the entire draft . . . But Joe got hurt that season and was sidelined for a year . . . Made UPI's All-America team in 1971 . . . Started for three years at Syracuse . . . Baltimore sees him filling in for the traded Billy Newsome right away . . . Quick for size and has a "mean streak," say the scouting reports.

TIP FROM THE COACH

Howard Schnellenberger has been touched by success throughout his football career. Though he's not arrogant, he put his feelings on the line when he was hired: "I'll try to bring the Colts back to the level of excellence they've known over the years. Joe Thomas is way too smart to hire a 'yes man' and pay him as much money as he's paying me!"

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Jones, Bert, QB, Louisiana State; Ehrmann, Joe, DT, Syracuse; Barnes, Mike, DE, Miami; Olds, Bill, RB, Nebraska; Rotella, Jamie, LB, Tennessee; Palmer, Gerry, T, Kansas; Smith, Ollie, WR, Tennessee State; Taylor, David, G, Catawba; Oldham, Ray, DB, Middle Tennessee; Windauer, Bill, G, Iowa; Neal, Dan, C, Kentucky; Thomas, Bernard, DE, Western Michigan; Pierantozzi, Tom, QB, West Chester, Pa.; Williams, Ed, RB, West Virginia; Brown, Jackie, DB, South Carolina; Januszkiewicz, Marty, RB, Syracuse; Falkenhagen, Guy, T, Northern Michigan.

BALTIMORE COLTS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Bal.	Opp.
Aug. 4 (Sat.)	at Pittsburgh	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	at Atlanta	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	Detroit (Memphis)	8:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	at Washington	8:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	at Houston	8:00	—	—
Sept. 9 (Sun.)	at Denver	1:00	—	—

BALTIMORE COLTS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Balt.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at Cleveland	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	NEW YORK JETS	2:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	NEW ORLEANS	2:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at New England	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	at Buffalo	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at Detroit	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	OAKLAND	2:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	HOUSTON	2:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at Miami	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at Washington	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	BUFFALO	2:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at New York Jets	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	MIAMI	2:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	NEW ENGLAND	2:00	—	—

BUFFALO BILLS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.; Gen. Mgr.: Bob Lustig; Coach: Lou Saban; Asst. Coaches: Bill Atkins, Stan Jones, Jim Ringo, Bob Shaw, John Ray, Joe Murry; Trainer: Ed Abramowski; Office: 69 W. Mohawk St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14202; Stadium: Erie County (80,000); Colors: Royal Blue, White and Scarlet; Training Camp: Niagara University, Niagara, N.Y.



O.J. Simpson follows his blockers. Last year O.J. burst loose to be a 1,000-yard runner as offensive line improved and he got to run more.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC EAST: Baltimore (3)*, Buffalo (4), Miami (1), New England (5), New York Jets (2). *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 4, Lost 9, Tied 1

STRENGTHS: Rushing attack led by O.J. Simpson; sound pass defense; young, spirited club.

WEAKNESSES: Must patch up offensive line, especially at guard; QB Dennis Shaw must get back on target for Bills to go somewhere.

Like any other coach taking over a 1-13 team, Lou Saban predicted marked improvements for the Bills last season. But to his credit, Saban delivered. The team improved by three-and-a-half games in the standings and maybe more so in appearance.

This is a young team. As O.J. Simpson said in the team's huddle before the first game last season, "Okay, does everybody here know everybody?"

BUFFALO BILLS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
60	Adams, Bill	G	6-2	250	23	2	Holy Cross
—	Aldridge, Allen	DE	6-6	250	28	3	Prairie View
34	Braxton, Jim	RB	6-2	237	23	3	West Virginia
81	Chandler, Bob	WR	6-0	185	24	3	Southern California
—	Cheyunski, Jim	LB	6-1	225	27	6	Syracuse
7	Clark, Mike	K	6-1	205	32	10	Texas A&M
79	Costa, Paul	T	6-5	258	30	9	Notre Dame
72	Croft, Don	DT	6-3	252	24	2	Texas-El Paso
63	Cunningham, Dick	LB	6-2	232	28	6	Arkansas
57	Farley, Dale	LB	6-3	245	23	2	West Virginia
78	Foley, Dave	T	6-5	255	25	4	Ohio State
47	Garror, Leon	CB	6-0	180	25	2	Alcorn A&M
—	Gehrke, Jack	WR	6-1	180	27	4	Utah
65	Goode, Irv	C	6-5	255	32	11	Kentucky
74	Green, Donnie	T	6-8	274	25	3	Purdue
43	Greene, Tony	CB	5-9	164	24	3	Maryland
—	Hagen, Halvor	DE	6-5	252	26	5	Weber State
28	Harrison, Dwight	WR	6-2	178	24	3	Texas A&M
10	Hart, Leo	QB	6-4	203	24	3	Duke
40	Hill, J. D.	WR	6-1	195	24	3	Arizona State
33	Jackson, Randy	RB	6-0	220	24	2	Wichita State
20	James, Robert	CB	6-1	189	26	5	Fisk
51	Jarvis, Bruce	C	6-7	257	24	3	Washington
11	Jones, Spike	P	6-2	190	26	4	Georgia
37	Koy, Ted	RB	6-2	212	25	4	Texas
56	Lee, Ken	LB	6-4	232	24	3	Washington
3	Leypoldt, John	K	6-2	236	27	3	None
67	McKenzie, Reggie	G	6-4	235	23	2	Michigan
55	McKinley, Bill	LB	6-3	230	24	2	Arizona
—	Montler, Mike	G	6-5	254	29	5	Colorado
88	Okoniewski, Steve	DT	6-3	247	24	2	Montana
77	Patton, Jerry	DT	6-3	250	27	2	Nebraska
85	Patulski, Walt	DE	6-6	252	23	2	Notre Dame
69	Penchion, Bobby	G	6-5	255	24	2	Alcorn A&M
48	Pitts, John	S	6-4	215	28	7	Arizona State
61	Reilly, Jim	G	6-2	260	25	3	Notre Dame
87	Ross, Louis	DE	6-7	243	26	3	South Carolina State
21	Saunders, John	S	6-3	202	23	2	Toledo
64	Selfridge, Andy	LB	6-4	218	24	2	Virginia
16	Shaw, Dennis	QB	6-3	217	26	4	San Diego State
32	Simpson, O. J.	RB	6-1	206	26	5	Southern California
58	Stratton, Mike	LB	6-3	224	32	12	Tennessee
—	Turner, Clem	RB	6-1	236	26	5	Cincinnati
42	Tyler, Maurice	S	6-0	188	23	2	Morgan State
86	Washington, Dave	LB	6-5	228	24	4	Alcorn A&M
80	White, Jan	TE	6-2	225	24	3	Ohio State
41	Wyatt, Alvin	CB	5-9	181	25	4	Bethune-Cookman

The Bills had a lot of injuries last season so they didn't get to know each other very well. Only about half the players made it through all 14 games and there was a point where Lou Saban was about ready to start combing the stands for offensive guards. The Bills made more than their share of off-season trades and had what seems to be another fine draft; the main job is to patch up the offensive line and repair the linebacking corps. Whether Dennis Shaw can fulfill the promise he showed as a rookie may make the difference as this club tries to climb past Baltimore and the New York Jets to become a second-place contender.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The mysterious Mr. Shaw must start delivering his passes more consistently. As a rookie he showed he could. But he has dumped a lot of his throws into enemy hands since that fine start in 1970. Shaw will be pushed this season by second-year man Leo Hart and rookie Joe Ferguson, a third-round choice from Arkansas.

When J.D. Hill improved last season, the whole pass-catching department was on the upgrade. Hill caught 52, fourth highest in the AFC. Bob Chandler, a third-year man like Hill, caught 33 on the other flank. Both get good distance with their catches. Dwight Harrison, picked up last season from Denver, could see more action as the backup receiver. Except for him, the Bills have little in the WR corps. Jan White, the tight end, didn't see the ball much last season but he's a flyer for his size and may be a secret weapon once this team gets into contention.

Buffalo has the ideal deep backs in O.J. and Jim Braxton. Both can run and catch. They caught 51 passes between them last season. O.J., of course, came into his own as a runner, gaining 1,251 yards to lead all NFL rushers. Braxton, the heavy-duty back, gained another 453 yards but after him the running attack tapers off sharply. This team could use a good No. 3 back now that Wayne Patrick has been traded.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Herein lies the tale to Buffalo's future. The Bills quarterbacks got sacked 49 times for 411 yards in losses last year. Granted there were a lot of injuries but excuses aren't going to prolong Dennis Shaw's life. Reggie McKenzie, a guard who made the all-rookie team, is good at pulling out for Simpson but must upgrade his pass-blocking. The other guard could well be Joe DeLamielleure, a Michigan State rookie and first-round draft choice. Another first-round choice, Paul Seymour of Michigan (the seventh man taken in the draft), could be at tackle. Mike Montler, who came in a trade from New England, could get a tackle berth though Paul Costa and Donnie Green figure because of last year's experience. Jim Reilly, who was out all last season with an injury, is back at guard. Bruce Jarvis is the center.

BILLS' 1972 RECORD: WON 4, LOST 9, TIED 1

24	*New York Jets	41	16	*Miami	30
27	*San Francisco	20	3	New York Jets	41
0	*Baltimore	17	27	New England	24
38	*New England	14	10	Cleveland	27
16	Oakland	28	7	Baltimore	35
23	Miami	24	21	*Detroit	21
21	*Pittsburgh	38	24	Washington	17

Total Bill Pts.: 257 Total Opp. Pts.: 377 * Home Games

DEFENSIVE LINE: Walt Patulski established himself at end. Jerry Patton played all 14 games at tackle as a rookie. Don Croft and Steve Okoniewski, also second-year men, will wage a battle with high draft picks Jeff Winnans (Southern Cal) and Bob Kampa (California) at tackle. But Halvor Hagen, who the Bills think is a "sleeper," must replace the traded Al Cowlings at end.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Picking linebackers in Buffalo is like playing roulette. Jim Cheyunski, obtained from New England, could be a factor along with veterans Dale Farley, Dick Cunningham, and Mike Stratton. Ken Lee, who led the team in interceptions with 6, figures somewhere.

Bob James is an outstanding cornerback. Young Tony Greene and veteran Alvin Wyatt fill the other job. The safety position improved because of young Mike Tyler, a rookie last season, who joined John Pitts and another 1972 rookie, John Saunders, in the deep spots.

SPECIALISTS: Buffalo didn't force too many punts last season but the Bills did get to return a lot of kickoffs. The punt returns were fair, with Wyatt the best man, and the kickoff returns were good, with Wyatt and Greene hauling them back.

The Bills got a surprisingly good year out of kicker John Leypoldt, who made good on 16 of his 24 FGs. But the punting, handled by Spike Jones last season, must improve.

OUTLOOK: Buffalo could conceivably start eight men on offense and six on defense who have been in the league for two years or less. O.J. Simpson, with four seasons behind him, is becoming a senior citizen on this squad. But it's a very promising young group that is building, not rebuilding. Look for more improvement.

THE BILL STARS

DENNIS SHAW Quarterback No. 16
San Diego State 6-2 215

4th Year

March 3, 1947



Some good, some bad came out of the 1972 season for Shaw ... He predicted a possible 10-win season for Bills and they didn't quite make half of that ... But he had better year than 1971 ... That year, he recalls, "I was frustrated with myself, the coaching staff, the Bills organization, everything. What do you expect in a 1-13 season?" ... He lost 26 passes to the opposition on interceptions in 1971; he cut that down to 17 last season ...

Threw fewer passes than ever in 1972 (only 258) but hit on 52.7% and tossed for 14 scores ... He had three coaches in first three years with the Bills and he blames that for some of his problems ... He wore contact lens for the first time in 1972 ... Doesn't like to see reporters, though ... "I don't like interviews," he says. "There are some things the public isn't entitled to know" ... Interceptions might be one of those things ... A Kansas farm boy.

JAN WHITE Tight End No. 80
Ohio State 6-2 225

3rd Year

Oct. 6, 1948



Typical of the new breed of tight end—fast ... Has done the 40-yard dash in 4.4 or 4.5 seconds every time he's been clocked ... A former Pennsylvania high school hurdles champion ... "Most clubs are going to the faster tight end," he says, "so they can't be covered by a linebacker. If a safety is tied up covering a tight end, it takes away the opponent's ability to double-cover a wide receiver" ... He hasn't had the opportunity to be on the

receiving end much, though ... As a rookie, he caught 13 passes for 130 yards ... Last season he grabbed 12 for 148 yards and 2 TDs ... He's added 20 pounds to his college playing weight ... Started for three years at Ohio State as the Buckeyes lost only two games.

ROBERT JAMES Cornerback No. 20
Fisk 6-2 185

5th Year

July 14, 1947

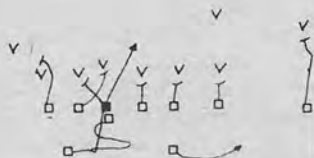


A real surprise for the Bills, who, in turn, were a surprise on pass defense because of him ... Had only one interception for the season but played strong as the Bills finished seventh overall among all NFL teams on pass defense ... His one steal, however, preserved Buffalo's exciting 24-17 upset of the Washington Redskins ... He bumps-and-runs with the best cornerbacks in the game ... He went to the Bills as a free agent in 1969, first

playing with the special teams ... In 1970, he started at the corner ... In 1971, he intercepted 4 passes to lead the team ... Reached his peak in

THE BILLS' BIG PLAY

This is one of the ways in which O.J. Simpson had a 1,000-plus yard year. The quarterback fakes a pitch to the running back going outside, then hands off to O.J., who starts outside, then cuts up the middle after taking the handoff.



1972 when he was chosen to play in the Pro Bowl game ... First player from Fisk to start in the pros.

WALT PATULSKI Defensive End No. 85
Notre Dame 6-6 252

2nd Year
Feb. 3, 1950



Was No. 1 choice in the entire football draft a year ago ... Enhanced his image during his first season in the pros ... But he wasn't that impressed with the way the pros play ... "The whole organization of pro football is cold," he said. "Everybody goes their own way. I've developed into a loner" ... He did keep a few opposing quarterbacks company, though ... But there, too, he has a slight problem ... Like the day he had to think first before forcing himself to clobber Johnny Unitas, an old hero of his ... "I'm placid in a game. I don't loaf but I play too easy, too unemotional" ... The Bills figure they are getting pretty good feedback, though, from their \$150,000-a-year star ... Signed a three-year contract.

O. J. Simpson Running Back No. 32
Southern Cal 6-1 206

5th Year
July 9, 1947



Nobody puts the squeeze on O. J. in 1972 ... In game No. 2 of the regular season, he roared past his boyhood heroes, the San Francisco 49ers, for 138 yards in 29 carries ... "It was the best game I've ever played in the pros," he said later ... He went on to gain 1,251 yards rushing ... In fact, he passed 1,000 in his 11th game ... He had a 94-yard burst against Pittsburgh to set a team record ... He topped 100 yards six times in 1972 ... On

everyone's All-NFL teams . . . Averaged 4.3 yards a carry as he lugged the ball more than anyone in the AFC . . . Then for a finale, he won the MVP honor in the Pro Bowl game, his first . . . "It was a fun game," he said later. "I haven't had too many of those in my pro career" . . . His turnabout in 1972 was attributed to two things: (1) he lost 11 pounds and (2) his new coach, Lou Saban, let him run more often.

J.D. HILL Wide Receiver No. 40
Arizona State 6-1 193

3rd Year
Oct. 30, 1948



Hill came into the NFL as a flashy collegian who caught 115 passes for 1,886 yards and 21 TDs . . . He felt pro ball was going to be a breeze . . . It wasn't . . . "Catching the ball and running with it is no problem," he said. "But running a pass pattern is self-discipline" . . . He didn't get to play until his ninth game of 1971 . . . His first catch wasn't noteworthy but his next two were for TDs . . . He's been a solid star ever since . . . In 1972 he caught 52 passes, fourth best in the AFC . . . His per-catch yardage of 14.5 was impressive, too . . . He scored 5 TDs . . . Made 4 catches and 6 crackback blocks as Bills beat Philadelphia . . . "I came to the pros thinking it would be easy," he says, looking back. "But the best wide receivers have been playing, 5, 6, 7, 8 years."

TOP ROOKIES

PAUL SEYMOUR Offensive Tackle 6-5 250

Michigan

Seventh man taken in entire 1972 draft . . . O.J. should love him . . . Seymour runs the 40 in 4.8 and was a powerful tight end before moving to tackle as a senior . . . Upped his weight from 210 to 250 to make the conversion . . . Is brother of pro receiver Jim Seymour . . . "He could handle just about anybody one-on-one," says his college coach Bo Schembechler . . . Makes furniture as a hobby.

JEFF WINANS Defensive Tackle 6-4 256

Southern Cal

Lost among the many stars on Southern Cal's powerful 1972 team . . . In fact, he didn't even letter in 1971 . . . But Buffalo took him high in the second round of the draft . . . Was a junior-college star, where he also scored 41 points in a basketball game . . . Threw the shot 61 feet in high school . . . Was one wire-service's second-team All-Pacific Coast a year ago but otherwise didn't get too many honors . . . Was second on the team with 8 sacks.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"I've always told this team that names don't mean anything to me," says Lou Saban, who heads one of the youngest casts in football, many of whom have come into the league without big reputations. "You had to play and if you didn't want to play we'd get others who did."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Seymour, Paul, T, Michigan; De Lamielleure, Joe, G, Michigan State; Winans, Jeff, DT, So. California; Ferguson, Joe, QB, Arkansas; Kampa, Bob, DT, California; Walker, Don, DB, Central State, Ohio; Yeates, Jeff, DT, Boston College; Francis, Wallace, WR, Arkansas AM&N; Skorupan, John, LB, Penn State; McConnell, Brian, LB, Michigan State; Ford, John, TE, Henderson State; Fobbs, Lee, RB, Grambling; Reppond, Mike, WR, Arkansas; Reed, Matthew, QB, Grambling; LeHeup, John, LB, South Carolina; Earl, Richard, T, Tennessee; Carroll, Ron, DT, Sam Houston; Krakau, Merv, LB, Iowa State; Rizzo, Joe, LB, Kings Point; O'Neil, Vince, RB, Kansas; Stearns, John, DB, Colorado.

BUFFALO BILLS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Buff.	Opp.
Aug. 3 (Fri.)	Philadelphia (Jacksonville)	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	at Green Bay	8:00	—	—
Aug. 17 (Fri.)	WASHINGTON	8:00	—	—
Aug. 26 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	1:00	—	—
Aug. 31 (Fri.)	at Denver	8:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	OAKLAND	8:00	—	—

BUFFALO BILLS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Buff.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at New England	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at San Diego	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	NEW YORK JETS	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	PHILADELPHIA	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	BALTIMORE	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at Miami	1:00	—	—
Oct. 29 (Mon.)	KANSAS CITY	9:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at New Orleans	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	CINCINNATI	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	MIAMI	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	2:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at Atlanta	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	NEW ENGLAND	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at New York Jets	1:00	—	—

CINCINNATI BENGALS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: John Sawyer; Gen. Mgr. and Coach: Paul Brown; Asst. Coaches: Bill Johnson, Jack Donaldson, Chuck Studley, Chuck Weber, Bill Walsh, Vince Costello; Trainer: Marv Pollins; Office: Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati, O. 45202; Stadium: Riverfront (56,200); Colors: Orange, Black and White; Training Camp: Wilmington College, Wilmington, O.



Ken Anderson looks anxious as he sets to hand off the ball. He is one of several excellent quarterbacks in the Bengal camp.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC CENTRAL: Cincinnati (3)*, Cleveland (2), Houston (4), Pittsburgh (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 8, Lost 6

STRENGTHS: Offense should be more explosive, particularly in passing defense is sound and deep; well-drilled team.

WEAKNESSES: The Bengals are still looking for a big, effective running back; kicking game must regain its one-time high level.

The Bengals matched their all-time winning record with eight triumphs in 1972. But they picked a year when the Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns were making surprising strides. The Bengals had nothing to be ashamed of, but they were hoping for a better finish. This club has the makings of a championship team—division-wise, at least—despite the

CINCINNATI BENGALS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
52	Adams, Doug	LB	6-1	222	24	3	Ohio State
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-2	211	24	3	Augustana, Ill.
51	Avery, Ken	LB	6-0	227	29	7	Southern Mississippi
58	Beauchamp, Al	LB	6-2	237	29	6	Southern U.
66	Bergey, Bill	LB	6-3	243	27	5	Arkansas State
82	Berry, Royce	DE	6-4	250	27	5	Houston
89	Buie, Drew	WR	6-0	185	26	5	Catawba
70	Carpenter, Ron	DE	6-5	261	25	4	North Carolina State
11	Carter, Virg	QB	6-0	192	27	6	Brigham Young
37	Casanova, Tom	S	6-2	202	22	2	Louisiana State
79	Chomyszak, Steve	DT	6-6	269	29	7	Syracuse
12	Cook, Greg	QB	6-4	215	25	2	Cincinnati
88	Coslet, Bruce	TE	6-3	227	26	5	Pacific
34	Craig, Neil	S	6-1	191	25	3	Fisk
50	DeLeone, Tom	C-G	6-2	252	23	2	Ohio State
63	Dennis, Guy	G	6-2	255	26	5	Florida
44	Dressler, Doug	RB	6-2	228	25	4	Chico State
29	Durko, Sandy	S	6-2	180	24	3	Southern California
72	Fest, Howard	T	6-6	262	27	6	Texas
76	Holland, Vernon	T	6-6	268	25	3	Tennessee State
23	Jackson, Bernard	CB	6-0	173	23	2	Washington State
54	Johnson, Bob	C	6-5	262	26	6	Tennessee
19	Johnson, Essex	RB	5-10	201	26	6	Grambling
80	Johnson, Ken	DT	6-6	265	25	3	Indiana
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	188	25	5	Grambling
78	Jones, Willie Lee	DT	6-1	260	30	5	Kansas State
56	Kearney, Tim	LB	6-2	227	24	2	Northern Michigan
24	Kellermann, Ernie	S	6-0	183	28	7	Miami, Ohio
87	Kelly, Mike	TE	6-3	222	25	4	Davidson
68	Lawson, Steve	G	6-3	265	24	3	Kansas
55	LeClair, Jim	LB	6-2	226	23	2	North Dakota
15	Lewis, Dave	P-QB	6-2	225	27	4	Stanford
73	Matson, Pat	G	6-0	245	29	8	Oregon
71	Mayes, Rufus	G	6-5	260	25	5	Ohio State
26	Morrison, Reece	RB	6-0	207	27	6	Southwest Texas State
16	Muhlmann, Horst	K	6-0	219	33	5	None
25	Myers, Chip	WR	6-5	210	28	6	Northwest Oklahoma
20	Parrish, Lemar	CB	5-11	184	25	4	Lincoln, Mo.
53	Peterson, Bill	LB	6-3	228	28	5	San Jose State
30	Phillips, Jess	RB	6-1	205	26	6	Michigan State
60	Pritchard, Ron	LB	6-1	235	26	5	Arizona State
74	Reid, Mike	DT	6-3	255	26	4	Penn State
13	Riley, Ken	CB	5-11	181	25	5	Florida A&M
64	Shinners, John	G	6-3	255	26	5	Xavier
17	Thomas, Speedy	WR	6-1	170	25	5	Utah
84	Trumpy, Bob	WR	6-6	228	27	6	Utah
75	Walters, Stan	T	6-6	270	24	2	Syracuse
83	White, Sherman	DE	6-5	255	24	2	California

fear of God that the Steelers spread throughout pro football a year ago. The quarterback situation in Cincy isn't as potent as it is in Pittsburgh and there's no super runner like Franco Harris, but otherwise the Bengals could match the Steelers man for man. In fact, the Bengals have more depth.

Cincinnati keeps coming up with outstanding rookies year after year and this fall's prize may be Isaac Curtis, who'll add much-needed speed to the Bengal attack. The Bengals will be stronger, no doubt, but they have some catching up to do.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Quarterback Ken Anderson hasn't gotten many plaudits during his two years in pro ball, but he's well ahead of schedule in becoming a fine quarterback. He'll have better receivers than any quarterback in Bengal history if Curtis lives up to his billing. Curtis will battle game-breaker Charlie Joiner, who came to the Bengals in a mid-season deal, at one wide receiver and Chip Myers, who staged a fine comeback last season, is set at the other slot. Myers has a good backup man in Speedy Thomas. Bob Trumpy, an exceptional pass-catcher, is an old hand at tight end but rookie Al Chandler might figure in the picture.

The running backs will be Essex Johnson, last year's rushing leader, and Jess Phillips at one position and Doug Dressler at the other. The Bengals need help here. There weren't many breakaway runs in 1972.

The most interesting development during early practice should be the progress of Greg Cook, who will be making another comeback at quarterback. If Cook makes it back, No. 2 passer Virgil Carter, a pretty good one, may be trade bait.

OFFENSIVE LINE: The Bengals have a half-dozen good guards to choose from, so competition could be heated. Howard Fest and Pat Matson are the incumbents. Vernon Holland has become an outstanding tackle while Stan Walters was a complete surprise when he replaced the injured Rufus Mayes. Mayes will have to earn his job back. Bob Johnson is the center.

DEFENSIVE LINE: All-Pro tackle Mike Reid provides a fine anchor but the rest of the situation might be described in weatherman's terms: cloudy, bright. Ron Carpenter and Steve Chomyszak duel for the other tackle position while Royce Berry and Sherman White will try to hold off a real comer, Ken Johnson, at the ends. Johnson could also play tackle, if needed. This is a good line.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The Bengals had Ron Pritchard, the ex-Houston Oiler star, on the bench last year. That says something about the linebacking. Middleman Bill Bergey is outstanding and outside men Ken Avery and Al Beauchamp work well with him.

The deep backs are Lemar Parrish and Ken Riley at the corners again and Tommy Casanova, coming off a brilliant rookie year, is at one of the

BENGALS' 1972 RECORD: WON 8, LOST 6

31	New England	7	17	Pittsburgh	40
15	*Pittsburgh	10	14	*Oakland	20
6	Cleveland	27	19	*Baltimore	20
21	*Denver	10	13	Chicago	3
23	Kansas City	16	13	*New York Giants	10
12	Los Angeles	15	24	*Cleveland	27
30	*Houston	7	61	Houston	17

Total Bengal Pts.: 299 Total Opp. Pts. 229 *Home Games

safeties. Third-year man Neal Craig has the other safety job from the start but the Bengals are looking for help and depth here.

SPECIALISTS: The Bengals would like to see place-kicker Horst Muhlmann and punter Dave Lewis reach into the past and relive a little of the old glory. Both men were above average last season but below their usual standards.

Casanova and Parrish are fine punt returners, each having made a touchdown return in 1972. Bernard Jackson, who also plays the corner, and Parrish give the team good kickoff runbacks and Charlie Joiner may figure here, too. Overall depth makes for good specialty teams and depth is something the Bengals have.

OUTLOOK: A lot will depend on how big an explosion the passing game makes. If it goes puff, the Bengals will be a middle-of-the-pack club. If it goes bang, beware Central Division foes.

THE BENGAL STARS

MIKE REID Defensive Tackle No. 74
Penn State 6-3 255

4th Year
May 24, 1947



The only man in football who can both play a concert piano and lift one . . . A multi-talented young man who is going to become very famous soon . . . Has progressed from Defensive Rookie of the Year in 1970 to All-AFC in 1971 to everybody's All-Pro in 1972 . . . In football he plays mean, also composes music (his work "Cries of Love and Hate" has been performed by the Cincinnati Symphony) . . . He is hungry on the field . . . One reason: he

doesn't eat before a game . . . "The mind functions much better when you're hungry. There's no way that a 260-pound man needs a meal the day he is playing" . . . Despite his size, he's very fast . . . He had his finest day—and one of the finest Paul Brown said he ever saw—when he sacked

Len Dawson five times for 40 yards and had five other unassisted tackles against the Chiefs last season . . . He says he fears making a mistake in a concert more than on the field.

KEN ANDERSON Quarterback No. 14

3rd Year

Augustana (Ill.) College 6-2 211

Feb. 15, 1949



He was supposed to have a tough assignment beating out Virgil Carter, who completed 62.2% of his passes in 1971 . . . But in pre-season drills, Anderson had an astounding completion rate of 68% and only 3 interceptions in 84 attempts . . . He started all year for the Bengals . . . For the regular season, he completed 56.8% and was only intercepted 2.3% of the time, best in the whole NFL . . . "I have a little more experience and a little more confidence in myself," he says. "That's very important" . . . He has a long-range arm but didn't get a chance to unwind much in 1972: He averaged only 6.4 yards per pass and had only 7 TD tosses.

CHIP MYERS Wide Receiver No. 25

6th Year

Northwest Oklahoma 6-5 210

July 9, 1945



One of the comers on the Cincy team . . . Made the Pro Bowl squad last season after catching 57 passes, one less than AFC leader Fred Biletnikoff of Oakland . . . Myers gained 13.9 a catch, scored 3 TDs . . . Had caught 36 passes in 1970 and 27 in 1971 when he missed four games due to two broken arms suffered in pre-season games . . . Was a 10th-round draft choice of San Francisco in 1967 but couldn't cut it . . . Bengals got him as a free agent in 1968 . . . "I set a goal of 40 receptions for myself at training camp," he said of 1972 plans. "But once I reached that figure I kept pushing my goal upward" . . . He tied a club record with 8 catches against Cleveland.

BOB TRUMPY Wide Receiver No. 84

6th Year

Utah 6-6 228

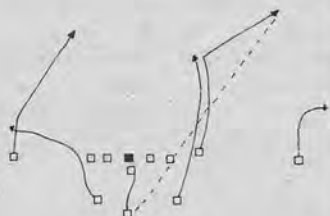
March 6, 1946



Can play either wide receiver or tight end . . . Likes TE better . . . Even rigid Paul Brown has offered to let him play either position . . . "They're offering me a chance to play outside (wide receiver)," he said during 1972 campaign. "But it doesn't psych me up for a great season. There's too many intangibles, injuries, etc." . . . Still, he admits he takes a beating at either position because of his lanky build . . . Caught 44 passes in 1972 for his career high . . . But his average yardage (11.4 a catch) and touchdowns (only two) were well below his usual standards . . . He's the Bengals' all-time pass

THE BENGALS' BIG PLAY

Flooding an area with receivers is the way to counteract zone defenses. That's what Bengal quarterback Ken Anderson does in this play. He sends tight end Bob Trumpy, Cincinnati's top receiver over the past few years, downfield along with the right running back. Then the two break, with Trumpy heading toward the sideline for the Anderson throw.



receiver, having led the team or been close to it nearly every year in the game . . . A fine athlete who has broad-jumped 23-4, high-jumped 6-4 and made high school All-America in basketball.

BOB JOHNSON Center No. 54
Tennessees 6-5 262

6th Year
August 19, 1946



Johnson is as old as the Bengal franchise itself and just as busy . . . He was the first man taken by the first Bengal team in the draft and he's hardly missed a play since then . . . The only time he's been out of action is to give himself a breather . . . He has played every game in Bengal history . . . And played well: he's never messed up one pass from center, either on snapbacks to the quarterback or on kicks . . . He's the team's offensive captain as he has been throughout his career . . . He made the UPI's All-AFC team in 1972 . . . He has two brothers who followed him to Tennessee as centers . . . He's active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes . . . Has played over 70 games in a row.

ESSEX JOHNSON Running Back No. 19
Grambling 5-10 201

6th Year
October 14, 1946



Was one of the top rushers in football for the first half of the season as Cincy made a bid for the AFC Central title . . . But cooled his heels in the second half and dropped to ninth among AFC runners with 212 carries for 825 yards . . . Averaged 3.9 a carry . . . Also caught 29 passes and his 14.5-yard average is very high for running backs . . . A game-breaker who had the longest run in the NFL in 1971 (86 yards) . . . His longest foot-race to the

goal line in 1972 was 65 on a pass play . . . 1972 was his first year as a full-time starter . . . "I have to say that in 1971 I was more effective when I was coming off the bench. In '72 I wanted to start all the time, though" . . . He got his chance when Fred Willis was traded to Houston . . . Called "Ess" by his friends and teammates . . . He doesn't read about himself . . . "The newest sports news is really old," he philosophizes. "You can be up today and down tomorrow."

LEMAR PARRISH Cornerback No. 20
Lincoln University 5-11 184

4th Year
Dec. 13, 1947



A three-year starter on the strong left side and one of the best in the game . . . Made the Pro Bowl his first two years and probably should have made it in 1972 . . . Has intercepted 17 passes in his short time in the pros . . . Last season he had 5, returned a pair of them for TDs in the final game against Houston . . . Also an outstanding kick return man both on kickoffs and punts . . . Ran back 15 punts for an average of 9.4 yards and one TD a year ago . . . That was his best performance yet in that department . . . He also returned 15 kickoffs for a 23.2-yard average.

TOP ROOKIES

ISAAC CURTIS Wide Receiver 6-1 193

San Diego State

The way Paul Brown's been talking, this speedster will be in the lineup before long . . . Caught 44 passes for 832 yards and 7 TDs last season . . . A U.S. sprint champion who passed up the Olympics to devote full time to football . . . Played his first couple of seasons at California, but transferred to S.D. State . . . Played in the East-West and American Bowl games.

AL CHANDLER Tight End 6-2 233

Oklahoma

Has what it takes to be a tight end—good hands, great blocks . . . Second-round pick . . . All-Big Eight two years in a row . . . Didn't catch a lot of passes in college career (31) but his yardage total (696) is impressive . . . Could free Bob Trumpy to play wide receiver . . . Paul Brown says, "He has a tough inside style."

TIP FROM THE COACH

"We went for people in the college draft who can put points on the scoreboard," says Paul Brown, who doubles as General Manager of the Bengals. "We believe we have the fastest man in football in our first choice—wide receiver Isaac Curtis. Our quarterback, Ken Anderson, has a strong arm and is beginning to get the feel of things. His development has been ahead of schedule."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Curtis, Isaac, WR, San Diego State; Chandler, Albert, TE, Oklahoma; George, Tim, WR, Carson-Newman; McCall, Bob, RB, Arizona; Jones, Bob, DB, Virginia Union; Maddox, Robert, DE, Frostburg, Md.; Wilson, Joe, RB, Holy Cross; Dampeer, John, G, Notre Dame; Elliott, Lenvil, RB, N. E. Missouri; Montgomery, William, DB, Morehouse, Ga.; Clark, Charles, RB, Bethune-Cookman; West, Brooks, DT, Texas-El Paso; Scales, Hurles, DB, North Texas State; McNulty, Ted, QB, Indiana; Unger, Harry, RB, Auburn; Estabrook, Wayne, QB, Whittier.

CINCINNATI BENGALS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Cin.	Opp.
Aug. 4 (Sat.)	at Miami	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	PHILADELPHIA	8:00	—	—
Aug. 19 (Sun.)	Cleveland (Columbus)	2:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	at Detroit	8:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	ATLANTA	8:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	GREEN BAY	8:00	—	—

CINCINNATI BENGALS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Cin.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at Denver	2:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	HOUSTON	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	at San Diego	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	PITTSBURGH	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	KANSAS CITY	4:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at Pittsburgh	4:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at Dallas	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at Buffalo	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	NEW YORK JETS	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	ST. LOUIS	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	MINNESOTA	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	at Cleveland	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at Houston	1:00	—	—

CLEVELAND BROWNS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Arthur B. Modell; Gen. Mgr.: Harold Sauerbrei; Coach: Nick Skorich; Asst. Coaches: Howard Brinker, John David Crow, Richie McCabe, Dick Modzelewski, Fran Polsfott, Jerry Smith, Alva Tabor; Trainer: Leo Murphy; Office: Cleveland Stadium, Cleveland, O. 44114; Stadium: Cleveland Stadium (79,282); Colors: Seal Brown, Burnt Orange and White; Training Camp: Hiram College, Hiram, O.



Leroy Kelly dodges Jet tacklers. The man who filled Jimmy Brown's shoes may close out his career in 1973. His 1973 goal: 1,000 more yards.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC CENTRAL: Cincinnati (3)*, Cleveland (2), Houston (4), Pittsburgh (1). *1972 Finish

1972 RESULTS: Won 10, Lost 4

STRENGTHS: Vast improvements at quarterback, placekicking, defensive backfield; all-around strong pass defense; good runners.

WEAKNESSES: Team must get more passing offense; lots of injuries to mend before opening day, especially in defensive line; linebacking.

The Miami Dolphins and their "No Name Defense" were the talk of pro football in 1972. But with a "No Name Team," the Cleveland Browns were almost as remarkable, making the playoffs again despite the odds.

CLEVELAND BROWNS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
51	Andrews, Bill	LB	6-0	220	28	7	Southeast Louisiana
84	Briggs, Bob	DE-DT	6-4	258	28	6	Heidelberg
23	Brooks, Clifford	CB	6-1	190	24	2	Tennessee State
30	Brown, Ken	RB	5-10	203	27	4	None
63	Carollo, Joe	T	6-2	265	33	12	Notre Dame
12	Cockroft, Don	K	6-1	195	28	6	Adams State
64	Copeland, Jim	C	6-2	243	28	7	Virginia
33	Cornell, Bo	RB	6-1	215	24	3	Washington
27	Darden, Tom	CB	6-2	195	23	2	Michigan
28	Davis, Ben	CB	5-11	180	27	6	Defiance
61	DeMarco, Bob	C	6-2	248	34	13	Dayton
65	Demarie, John	G	6-3	246	28	7	Louisiana State
73	Dieken, Doug	T	6-5	254	24	3	Illinois
50	Garlington, John	LB	6-1	218	27	6	Louisiana State
83	Glass, Chip	TE	6-4	235	26	5	Florida State
59	Hall, Charles	LB	6-3	220	24	3	Houston
66	Hickerson, Gene	G	6-3	252	37	16	Mississippi
43	Hooker, Fair	WR	6-1	190	26	5	Arizona State
11	Horn, Don	QB	6-1	195	28	7	San Diego State
87	Jackson, Rich	DE	6-3	255	32	8	Southern U.
71	Johnson, Walter	DT	6-4	265	30	9	Cal State-L.A.
80	Jones, Joe	DE	6-6	250	25	2	Tennessee State
44	Kelly, Leroy	RB	6-0	202	31	10	Morgan State
58	Kingrea, Rick	LB	6-1	233	24	3	Tulane
19	Lefear, Billy	RB	5-11	197	23	2	Henderson, Ark.
51	Lindsey, Dale	LB	6-2	223	30	9	Western Kentucky
53	Long, Mel	LB	6-0	228	26	2	Toledo
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89	Morin, Milt	TE	6-4	236	30	8	Massachusetts
62	Morris, Chris	T	6-3	250	23	2	Indiana
68	Pena, Bubba	G	6-2	250	24	2	Massachusetts
15	Phipps, Mike	QB	6-3	208	25	4	Purdue
25	Pitts, Frank	WR	6-3	199	29	9	Southern U.
42	Richardson, Gloster	WR	6-2	200	31	7	Jackson State
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22	Scott, Clarence	CB	6-0	180	24	3	Kansas State
72	Sherk, Jerry	DT	6-4	258	25	4	Oklahoma State
88	Snidow, Ron	DE	6-3	247	31	11	Oregon
85	Staroba, Paul	WR	6-3	204	24	2	Michigan
29	Sumner, Walt	S	6-1	195	26	5	Florida State
79	Wright, George	DT	6-3	265	26	3	Sam Houston State
67	Wycinsky, Craig	G	6-3	243	25	2	Michigan State

The Browns won 10 games in 1972 though they didn't have a man good enough to be selected to the Pro Bowl!

This fact could be blamed partly on injuries. Despite their success, the Browns were black and blue in '72. Most of the major injuries were in the offensive and defensive lines. Furthermore, the team was banking on a young quarterback, Mike Phipps. He had only two years of experience in the pros and he had the handicap of seeing his effigy dangling in the stands during a couple of encounters last season.

But the Browns overcame their problems with courage and determination. And Coach Nick Skorich, who has 19 victories and only 9 defeats to show for two seasons, deserves plaudits for a masterful juggling act. Despite a stumbling 2-3 start in 1972, the Browns turned their season around and provided their fans with another winner.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The Browns were 19th in rushing offense and 21st in passing offense among the 26 NFL teams in 1972. This must be remedied. Two big "ifs" may well decide the team's fate for 1973. Leroy Kelly, the top rusher for the past eight seasons, must stay free of injuries in what may be his final season. And top draft choice Steve Holden (Arizona State) better add speed to the pass catching.

Kelly gained 811 yards last season. Bo Scott is his running mate and has proven himself a good all-round pro. Greg Pruitt, another lightning fast rookie, wrote some amazing records at Oklahoma but his pro size (5-11, 186) is questionable. Ken Brown and Bo Cornell are in reserve.

Mike Phipps came through at quarterback—finally. His statistics aren't awesome but his potential is. He completed 47.2% of his passes for 13 TDs and, by way of comparison, his entire passing figures were the equivalent of Pittsburgh's heralded Terry Bradshaw's almost to the letter.

Phipps' receivers are good. Frank Pitts and Fair Hooker combined for 68 catches and 10 TDs. And at tight end, Milt Morin and Chip Glass are a fine tandem.

OFFENSIVE LINE: At first glance, the opening-game lineup would seem to be Bob DeMarco at center, Gene Hickerson and John Demarie at guards, and Bob McKay and Doug Dieken at tackles. Jim Copeland has started at center and is coming back from a dislocated hip; he also can play guard. Pete Adams, a rookie tackle from Southern Cal, will merit close observation and Bubba Pena, also coming off the injury list, figures at guard. If all remain healthy, this could be a respectable line.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Same as the offense—on the mend. Vets Ron Snidow and Joe Jones were hurt last season and only Jones figures to be completely sound again. Rich Jackson, a tremendous end picked up from Denver, will start if he overcomes off-season surgery. Bob Briggs and Nick Roman filled in admirably a year ago. Walter Johnson and Jerry Sherk are top-notch tackles.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Last year's outside linebackers, Charley Hall and Billy Andrews, will be tried in the middle. Dale Lindsey, the

BROWNS' 1972 RECORD: WON 10, LOST 4

10	*Green Bay	26	20	*Houston	0
27	Philadelphia	17	21	San Diego	17
27	*Cincinnati	6	26	*Pittsburgh	24
7	*Kansas City	31	27	*Buffalo	10
0	*Chicago	17	0	Pittsburgh	30
23	Houston	17	27	Cincinnati	24
27	Denver	20	26	New York Jets	10

Total Brown Pts.: 268 Total Opp. Pts.: 249 *Home Games

POST-SEASON GAME

Miami 20, Cleveland 14 (AFC Divisional Playoff)

incumbent MLB, has had continuing knee problems. Young Rick Kingrea and rookie Andy Dorris (New Mexico State) are possibilities.

The secondary, a Cleveland problem in recent years, is on the upswing. Tom Darden, a rookie safety last season, made a tremendous difference, as did cornerback Clarence Scott the previous year. Joining them are Ben Davis at the corner and Walt Sumner at safety. But rookie Jim Steinke (SW Texas State) and youthful returnees Cliff Brooks and Bobby Majors could be in the running for starting jobs.

SPECIALISTS: Nobody on the team showed more improvement in 1972 than placekicker-punter Don Cockroft. He made 22 of 27 FG attempts and punted for a 43.2-yard average. Ken Brown was the leading kickoff returner and Darden and Majors shared the punt returning.

OUTLOOK: Though Cleveland went 10-4 last season, it outscored its opposition by only 19 points in 14 games. That makes the Browns difficult to figure. Pittsburgh won't get worse and Cincinnati will probably get better. The Browns will have to get outstanding performances out of its "No Name Team" to remain a playoff contender.

THE BROWN STARS**MIKE PHIPPS Quarterback No. 15**

Purdue 6-3 208

4th Year

Nov. 19, 1947



The waiting game has come to an end for this promising young quarterback . . . Had a lot of pressure on him from the time he was drafted to become the No. 1 Brown quarterback . . . Phipps took over starting role for the Browns in the second game of 1972 season and guided the club to 10 victories in 13 starts, then a near upset of Miami in the playoffs . . . By November, even Richard Nixon was on the Phipps bandwagon . . . "The Browns are

weak at quarterback," the President analyzed, "but Mike Phipps is potentially one of the greatest" . . . Actually, Phipps was doing well before the Nixon Doctrine . . . He had the Brown passing game under control, even though he finished only 11th among AFC throwers for the year . . . By mid-season, he had scored 5 TDs on the ground, 2 of which were game-winners . . . Stats: 305 attempts, 144 completions for 47.2% accuracy rate and 13 TDs . . . He had 16 passes intercepted.

LEROY KELLY Running Back No. 44
Morgan State 6-0 202

10th Year
May 20, 1942



This season may be the final one for the man who filled Jimmy Brown's shoes . . . "Physically I could play two, three more years. I've had no operations on my knees. But I'll probably retire after 1973" . . . Kelly has been a regular after sitting on the bench for the last two years of the Jim Brown regime . . . He's distinguished himself since then by becoming the fourth best rusher of all time (6,885 yards) and the third-best scorer of TDs (71) . . . He jumped from sixth to fourth on the rushing list last season when he fought his way for 811 yards . . . He had a 3.6-yard average, well below his 4.4 career mark . . . The new hashmark rule proved to be to Leroy's liking because he's at his best on sweeps . . . Not especially fast or powerful, he has lots of running savvy . . . "My goal is 1,000," he says. "It's like 20 wins. You have to carry 15-20 times a game and stay healthy."

FRANK PITTS Wide Receiver No. 25
Southern U. 6-3 199

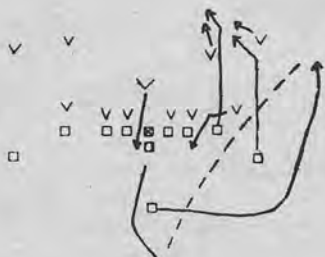
9th Year
Nov. 12, 1943



Snared 36 passes to lead the Browns in that department and caught 8 TD passes to lead team for second year . . . But Pitts wasn't ecstatic over his 1972 showing: "For one thing, I wasn't thrown to as much as I would have liked. I guess the situations didn't present themselves" . . . Came to the Browns in 1971 after a long career at Kansas City, where he starred in two Super Bowls . . . Took Gary Collins' job . . . Gained 620 yards on 36 receptions for a healthy 17.2-yard average . . . His best day was against San Diego when he caught 5 for 99 and won the game on a play he actually muffed . . . "I was supposed to clear out the area and let a back come under me," he said of the situation with 41 seconds to go . . . Instead he attracted Mike Phipps' eye and went deep—38 yards for a TD . . . Browns are used to winning with Pitts in the lineup; since he's started, they've been 14-5.

THE BROWNS' BIG PLAY

This is a short pass from Mike Phipps to Leroy Kelly or one of the other running backs. Kelly stands up near the line and cuts inside. The deep back goes wide, then down the right sideline. Phipps looks for one or the other.



FAIR HOOKER Wide Receiver No. 43

Arizona State 6-1 190

5th Year

May 22, 1947



Didn't have his best year of his short career in 1972, but it was more than respectable . . . He caught 32 passes for 441 yards (13.8-yard average) but he had a lot of company with him each time he went downfield . . . Had caught 28 passes in 1970 and 45 in 1971 after making only 2 snares as a rookie . . . When he first came to team, he played behind Paul Warfield and no one will let him forget it . . . "People in Cleveland are always comparing me to Warfield. Everyone was a Warfield fan. But there's no comparison as far as I'm concerned—Paul's the best in the game" . . . A modest guy who can't stand the jokes about his name.

DON COCKROFT Kicker-Punter No. 12

Adams State 6-1 195

6th Year

Feb. 6, 1945



The only full-time punter-placekicker in the league . . . Started out 1971 with his job in jeopardy, which was just what he needed . . . He finished the year as the NFL's most accurate placekicker (22 of 27 field goals) and an all-star punter (43.2-yard average, his best as a pro) . . . His 57-yard field goal against Denver was the second longest in league history . . . His 26-yarder with 8 seconds left on the clock beat Pittsburgh . . . And a 27-yarder versus Cincinnati in the waning minutes clinched a playoff berth for the Browns . . . "I knew they (the Browns) weren't happy with me in 1971," he says . . . "There hasn't been a season in which I've been fully satisfied with both the punting and the placekicking. They do involve different techniques but in 1972 I decided to forget all about that and just kick the ball. You can't do a good job kicking when you are all tensed up."

GENE HICKERSON Guard No. 66
Mississippi 6-2 252

16th Year
Feb. 15, 1936



Not about to give up his job after playing on the line for 15 years... Played all 14 games last year, making it an even decade in which he's participated in every game... Has played in four NFL championships and he's picked up some other good checks for many post-season playoff and Pro Bowl appearances... Started out as a messenger guard but now goes all the way... Played the left side of the line last season when Browns were riddled by injuries... First time in 10 years that he's switched sides... Has been with the Browns throughout his career, coming in as a No. 7 draft choice... Never played on a sub-.500 team... From Tennessee but now makes his home in Cleveland... A bachelor.

TOM DARDEN Safety No. 27
Michigan 6-2 195

2nd Year
Oct. 28, 1950



Browns couldn't have been happier with their first-year free safety a year ago... They gave him a three-year contract, then sweated out a so-so start in pre-season games... When the real action came in regular season, he was ready... He and third-year man Clarence Scott give the Browns two of the finest young defenders in the game... Darden intercepted 3 passes last season and returned them 64 yards... He also did some punt returning, ranking 11th in the AFC... His runback average was only 4.1 yards, but he knows how to break them: he had a 92-yarder versus UCLA in college, plus another 65-yarder... He started all 14 games for Cleveland... Thinks he could play cornerback, too, if called upon but admits that as a secondary man, "I have to polish my footwork."

TOP ROOKIES

STEVE HOLDEN Wide Receiver 6-1 192

Arizona State

Will probably weigh in heavier... Scored a TD for every six times he touched the ball at Arizona State... Fine pass-catcher who caught 38 balls for 848 yards and 12 TDs as a senior... He also returned punts for 13.6 yards a try... And scored on a reverse play... He can run with the ball and he's got the speed of a track star, which he was... Broke most of J.D. Hill's receiving records... A Californian.

GREG PRUITT Running Back 5-10 186

Oklahoma

He was one of Cleveland's two second-round draft choices... His size has the pros wondering, but they couldn't pass up a guy who tore apart powerful Big 8 lines for three seasons... Averaged 9.4 yards a carry as a workhorse in his junior year... Averaged 6.3 per carry as a senior... Rushed for 2,835 yards and 35 TDs as a collegian... But also became a fine pass receiver as a senior... Runner-up in Heisman balloting... From Houston, Texas.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"I believe in aggressiveness both offensively and defensively," says Nick Skorich, who has done a remarkable job in two years as head coach of the Browns. He is only the third man to hold that job. "You must make the other team aware that you can hurt them running. That sets up the passing. But championships are primarily won by the defense."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Holden, Steve, WR, Arizona State; Adams, Pete, T, So. California; Pruitt, Greg, RB, Oklahoma; Steinke, Jim, DB, S.W. Texas; Crum, Bob, DE, Arizona; Dorris, Andy, LB, New Mexico State; Mattingly, Randolph, QB, Evansville; Green, Van, DB, Shaw, N.C.; Wester, Curtis, G, East Texas State; Humphrey, Tom, T, Abilene Christian; Barisich, Carl, DT, Princeton; Simmons, Stan, TE, Lewis & Clark; Romaniszyn, James, RB, Edinboro, Pa.; Popelka, Robert, DB, Southern Methodist; Sullivan, Dave, WR, Virginia; Greenfield, George, RB, Murray State; McCowry, Robert, C, Michigan State.

CLEVELAND BROWNS' 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Cle.	Opp.
Aug. 6 (Mon.)	SAN FRANCISCO	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	at Los Angeles	7:30	—	—
Aug. 19 (Sun.)	Cincinnati (Columbus)	2:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	Atlanta (Knoxville)	7:30	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	DETROIT	8:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	New York Giants (Akron)	8:00	—	—

CLEVELAND BROWNS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Cle.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	BALTIMORE	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at Pittsburgh	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at Cincinnati	1:00	—	—
Oct. 15 (Mon.)	MIAMI	9:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	HOUSTON	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	SAN DIEGO	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at Minnesota	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at Houston	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at Oakland	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	PITTSBURGH	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at Kansas City	3:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	CINCINNATI	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at Los Angeles	1:00	—	—

DENVER BRONCOS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Allan R. Phipps; Gen. Mgr. and Coach: John Ralston; Asst. Coaches: Joe Collier, Richard Ulrich, Bob Gambold, Max Coley, Jerry Frei, Dick Coury, Myrel Moore; Trainer: Allen Hurst; Office: 5700 Logan St., Denver, Colo. 80216; Stadium: Mile High Stadium (51,656); Colors: Burnt Orange, Academy Blue, and White; Training Camp: Cal Poly, Pomona, Calif.



Down but not out, Charley Johnson hands off to Joe Dawkins who made a first down. Charley "unretired" in 1972 to have another good year.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC WEST: Denver (3)*, Kansas City (2), Oakland (1), San Diego (4)
*1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 5, Lost 9

STRENGTHS: A good running attack, because of Floyd Little; a much-improved receiving corps; strong defensive line.

WEAKNESSES: Could use some help at linebacker and safety; QB Charley Johnson has a history of injuries; middle of offensive line weak.

Coach John Ralston promised the Bronco followers more offense in his first year as a pro coach. And he delivered. The team went from 18 TDs in 1971 to 38 last season. That was just one short of the team record and only seven short of league-leader Miami. The biggest improvement was in the passing game—a Ralston specialty. Denver throwers (mostly Charley

DENVER BRONCOS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
11	Anderson, Bobby	RB	6-0	208	26	4	Colorado ✓
77	Alzado, Lyle	DE	6-3	252	24	3	Yankton
73	Barnes, Walt	DE	6-2	250	29	7	Nebraska ✓
72	Brunelli, Sam	T	6-2	270	30	7	Northern Colorado
66	Cottrell, Bill	G	6-3	255	29	6	Delaware Valley
53	Criter, Ken	LB	5-11	223	26	5	Wisconsin
74	Current, Mike	T	6-4	274	28	7	Ohio State
33	Dawkins, Joe	RB	6-2	223	25	4	Wisconsin
76	Domres, Tom	DT	6-3	260	27	6	Wisconsin
55	Duranko, Pete	DE	6-2	250	29	6	Notre Dame
16	Ernst, Mike	QB	6-1	190	22	2	Cal State-Fullerton
52	Forsberg, Fred	LB	6-1	235	29	5	Washington
57	Geddes, Bob	LB	6-2	240	27	2	UCLA
67	Goeddeke, George	G	6-3	253	28	7	Notre Dame
83	Graham, Tom	LB	6-2	235	23	2	Oregon ✓
20	Greer, Charles	S	6-0	205	27	6	Colorado ✓
47	Harris, Tony	WR	6-3	195	24	3	Toledo
87	Hoffman, John	DE	6-7	260	30	5	Hawaii
62	Inman, Jerry	DT	6-2	256	33	7	Oregon ✓
68	Jackson, Larron	G	6-3	270	24	3	Missouri ✓
12	Johnson, Charley	QB	6-1	200	34	13	New Mexico State
59	Kaminski, Larry	C	6-2	245	28	8	Purdue
86	Krieg, Jim	WR	5-9	172	24	2	Washington
44	Little, Floyd	RB	5-10	196	31	7	Syracuse
22	Lynch, Fran	RB	6-1	205	27	7	Hofstra
61	Lyons, Tommy	G	6-2	230	25	3	Georgia
50	Maples, Bobby	C	6-3	250	30	9	Baylor
-	Maslowski, Matt	WR	6-2	210	24	2	San Diego
81	Masters, Billy	TE	6-5	240	29	7	Louisiana State
58	McKoy, Bill	LB	6-3	235	25	4	Purdue
41	Mitchell, Leroy	CB	6-1	190	29	6	Texas Southern
78	Montgomery, Marv	T	6-6	255	25	3	Southern California
21	Montgomery, Randy	CB	5-11	182	26	4	Weber State
25	Moses, Haven	WR	6-2	208	27	5	San Diego State
54	Myrtle, Chip	LB	6-2	225	28	7	Maryland
88	Odums, Riley	TE	6-4	230	23	2	Houston
56	Parish, Don	LB	6-1	220	25	4	Stanford
28	Pete, Dennis	CB-S	6-3	186	24	2	San Francisco State
23	Preece, Steve	S	6-1	195	25	5	Oregon State
10	Ramsey, Steve	QB	6-2	210	25	4	North Texas State
26	Saimes, George	S	5-11	188	32	11	Michigan State
64	Schnitker, Mike	G	6-3	245	26	5	Colorado ✓
75	Sharp, Rick	T	6-3	265	25	4	Washington
84	Sherman, Rod	WR	6-0	190	28	7	Southern California
80	Simmons, Jerry	WR	6-0	190	30	9	Bethune-Cookman
51	Simone, Mike	LB	6-0	210	23	2	Stanford
70	Smith, Paul	DT	6-3	256	28	6	New Mexico
36	Thompson, Bill	S	6-1	201	26	5	Maryland State
15	Turner, Jim	K	6-2	205	32	10	Utah State
42	Van Heusen, Bill	WR-K	6-1	200	27	6	Maryland
65	Voss, Lloyd	DE-DT	6-4	255	31	10	Nebraska ✓
29	West, Bill	CB	5-10	185	25	2	Tennessee State

Johnson and Steve Ramsey) were on target 52.3% of the time, a fraction away from the team record and again one of the best marksmanship figures in the AFC.

Ralston also spent a lot of time talking about "team unity" and "spirit" and some things that made him sound like he was still back at Stanford U. But you can't laugh off a man who delivers. The team finished with a two-game winning streak and some big hopes for 1973. The 1972 record was a mere 5-9, but the Broncos got out of the AFC West basement. And that two-game streak was the best Denver has ever had going out of a season.

Denver still needs a lot of help. But if Charley Johnson, one of pro football's most underrated quarterbacks, can continue to avoid injury the Broncos could climb toward their first .500 record in history.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Along with picking up QB Johnson from Houston, Ralston straightened out the receiving corps. Rod Sherman, a solid pro, and Haven Moses, picked up from Buffalo, were the wide receivers at the end of the season. Sherman (38 catches) was the main target but Moses was a very explosive one (he had 5 TDs to show for his 15 receptions). Jerry Simmons (17 catches) broke his collarbone in midseason but he'll be out to regain his starting job from Moses. Ralston used his tight ends, Billy Masters (25 catches) and rookie Riley Odoms (21), as "messengers" last season and probably will do so again. Denver backs also catch a lot. Floyd Little had 28 snares, Bobby Anderson 23 and Joe Dawkins 18.

Johnson undoubtedly will start again at QB. But Steve Ramsey got experience last season by holding the job for about six weeks until Johnson beat him out. With Johnson vulnerable to injuries, Ramsey may need all the experience he can get.

The Broncos may have been looking ahead to Little's retirement when they took Otis Armstrong, a hard-running back from Purdue, in the first round of the draft. He was the first RB taken. Floyd got 859 yards in another workmanlike season a year ago. Bob Anderson and Joe Dawkins will battle for the RB job. They were even last season—both averaged 4.4 yards a carry. But Anderson is more versatile. Both will play a lot.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Marv Montgomery and Mike Current are good tackles. Larron Jackson and Tom Lyons, like Montgomery, are only in their third seasons so they may improve at guard. Bobby Maples or Larry Kaminski give the team experience and knowhow at center.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Pete Duranko and Lyle Alzado at ends and Paul Smith and Tom Domres at tackles form one of the best, and most underrated, front fours in football. The Broncos got to the opposing QB 41 times a year ago. No team in the AFC did better. Denver was also the fourth best team in the NFL at stopping the rush, which says something about the line. It's hard to see anybody new breaking in here but the club

BRONCOS' 1972 RECORD: WON 5, LOST 9

30	*Houston	17	17	New York Giants	29
14	San Diego	37	16	Los Angeles	10
24	*Kansas City	45	20	*Oakland	37
10	Cincinnati	21	20	Atlanta	23
20	*Minnesota	23	21	Kansas City	24
30	Oakland	23	38	*San Diego	13
20	*Cleveland	27	45	*New England	21

Total Bronco Pts.: 325 Total Opp. Pts.: 350 *Home Games

did take Barney Chavous, an end from South Carolina State, on the second round to provide depth.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The Broncos intercepted only 10 passes a year ago but they didn't give up much yardage per pass and rarely gave up more than one TD a game. Linebackers Don Parish, Chip Myrtle and (in the middle) Tom Graham look like the linebackers. Fred Forsberg and Bob Geddes have started at LB, too. Leroy Mitchell and Bill Thompson are fine cornerbacks. Charley Greer and Steve Preece are the safeties again but their positions could be in jeopardy if the right people try to dislodge them.

SPECIALISTS: Jim Turner was outstanding as a placekicker a year ago and he has been steady throughout his career. No problem here. Bill Van Heusen is no long boomer on punts but he doubles as a receiver so that gives him an extra dimension. He's had a half-dozen knee surgeries over his career. The Broncos' kick returners are well above average for an AFC team. Randy Montgomery can really flash his heels on kickoff runbacks. Montgomery averaged over 26 yards last season. Bill Thompson, if he can be spared more, is lightning fast and shifty with punts.

OUTLOOK: A much improved team, despite the 5-9 record. Look for a better team but a record about the same this time around. One big "if", however, is Charley Johnson's health. He did a lot for this club last season.

THE BRONCO STARS

CHARLEY JOHNSON Quarterback No. 12
New Mexico State 6-1 200

13th Year
Nov. 22, 1938



In June of 1972, he said he thought he couldn't play anymore... The trade from Houston to Denver gave him new life... "Houston traded me because they didn't get enough out of me," he said matter-of-factly. "I was hurt and missed too many games for a couple of years"... Denver got something out of him... After trying several quarterbacks over the past few seasons, they got one who could produce... Charley finished seventh among all NFL throwers with a 55.5% rate and 14 TDs in 238 attempts... Has four college degrees and can make a living as an engineer in plastics... "But I want to play a full season for a change," he said. "I want to show people what I can do."

PAUL SMITH Defensive Tackle No. 70
New Mexico 6-3 256

6th Year
Aug. 13, 1945



A strange case of a player who can hardly move right in street clothes and a player who drew laughs when he went through the rope-drill agility tests... But he's not funny when he catches people... He did that often last season... He had 11 quarterback sacks, including 4 against Oakland when the Broncos beat that team for the first time in a decade... Also led the Broncos in tackles for the season... "He doesn't show he has agility until game time," said his former line coach, Stan Jones... "Ever since I was in junior high school, people have told me I walk funny and run funny," Paul says, "but I was never aware of it"... Captains the Broncos on defense... He was awarded a Pro Bowl berth for his stellar performance of 1972... Started out as a linebacker but earned a tackle's position in 1969.

BOBBY ANDERSON Running Back No. 11
Colorado 6-0 208

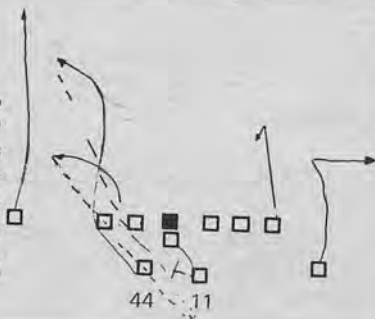
4th Year
Oct. 11, 1947



Hurt on a kickoff return in the 1972 opening game... And banged up a knee that required surgery in a later Oakland game... So he wasn't his true self, missing five complete games... It was the second straight season spoiled for him by injuries... But when he's healthy, he and Floyd Little can plough through a lot of football players... A tough blocker despite his lack of size... Takes after his brother, Dick, the hard-hitting, all-league safety for the Miami Dolphins... He's 18 months younger than Dick... Gained 319 yards on 72 carries in 1972... Caught 23 passes and threw one for a TD... Was a quarterback in college and Coach John

THE BRONCOS' BIG PLAY

The primary receiver is No. 44, Floyd Little. The split end goes deep to drag defenders with him. Little fish-hooks a medium distance. If the linebacker covers Little, the quarterback throws to No. 11, Bobby Anderson, who goes into the area vacated by the linebacker.



Ralston has toyed with the idea of letting him run the wishbone when Denver gets inside the opponent's 15-yard line ... "He knows how to run and he knows how to quarterback."

JIM TURNER Kicker No. 15

Utah State 6-2 205

10th Year

March 28, 1941



His fortunes have turned to the better in Denver ... Was a high-scoring flash for the New York Jets when they were winning, tallying 145 and 129 points in back-to-back years ... But Jets soured on him and traded him straightup to Broncos for Bobby Howfield ... Both players have straightened out after the swap ... Turner tried 29 field goals last season and made 20 of them for a 69% mark in accuracy ... His longest was 49 yards ... He had 3 FGs to beat Los Angeles and 3 each in the Houston and Oakland games ... In 1971 he scored 93 of Denver's 203 points ... A year ago he got 97 of Denver's 325 ... Among 10 highest scorers in pro football history with 887 points ... Made all 37 of his conversions in 1972 ... Prefers to have a quarterback holding for him ... He's an ex-QB himself and played a little of that position in the pros in emergency situations ... In fact, he was QB in college under current Bronco coach, John Ralston ... Is a skin diving freak.

FLOYD LITTLE Running Back No. 44

Syracuse 5-10 198

7th Year

July 4, 1942



"I won't say how tough our fans are here," he told a sports columnist, "but I did my best broken field running getting to my car after the games" ... Actually, Floyd is one Bronco who has been appreciated over the dismal years ... He rushed for 859 yards on 216 carries, averaging 4.0 a try and scoring 9 TDs through the line ... Also caught 28 passes, 4 for scores ... His 13 TDs were a Denver record ... 1972 was the first time Floyd didn't improve upon his previous season's yardage since he's

been in the pros... But he was a member of the 1,000-yard club in 1971 before it took in so many... A popular player who had to overcome critics' remarks that he was too small and too slow for the pros... "I may be the most bowlegged runner you ever saw," he says. "Straighten me out and I'll be 3 inches taller."

LYLE ALZADO Defensive End No. 77
Yankton 6-3 252

3rd Year
April 3, 1949



A fourth-round draft choice who's been doing quite well in the pros... Plays tough and was in there all the way in 1972 despite a bruised thigh... Instrumental in Denver being the AFC's best defense against the rush (only 3.8 yards a try for enemy runners)... He's the second-best QB sacker on a team that led the league... Won the game ball versus Oakland when he made 9 tackles... A tough guy who played several positions in college—running back, linebacker, etc.—before finding a home at end... Won 27 straight fights... Captured the national heavyweight crown... Comes from Long Island, N.Y.... Pronounces his last name "Al-ZAY-do... Can bench press over 400 pounds.

ROD SHERMAN Wide Receiver No. 84
Southern Cal 6-0 190

7th Year
Dec. 25, 1944



Denver had to pay for this Christmas present... But it was worth it... The Broncos got him for cash from Oakland and he wound up leading the team in receptions with 38... He also sped for long yardage, averaging 17.4 yards a catch... That was his best season yet... Started out with Oakland in 1967, but went to Cincinnati where he caught 31 passes in 1968, then back to Oakland in 1969... Was also running back in college and has returned kicks in the pros... Had some fine games for Oakland, including 3 TD catches in playoff games... Makes the big play... Has always averaged well over 15 yards on his catches... Has his own company, Pro Technique, Inc., which presents football clinics.

TOP ROOKIE

OTIS ARMSTRONG Running Back 5-11 197

Purdue

Sixth among all-time NCAA rushers, which takes some doing in the Big Ten... "He's the best back in the nation," said his coach, Bob DeMoss... MVP in the Big Ten and made several All-America teams, including the Sporting News squad, which was chosen by pro scouts... Totaled 3,315 yards rushing during his career... Ran for 1,361 of them as a senior... Had 276 yards in a single game.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"We finished strong in 1972 and we intend to start strong in 1973," says John Ralston, who made vast improvements with the Broncos during his first season as a professional coach. "Our passing jelled in the last half of the season and we made progress in a number of areas. If we continue, we'll have a possibility of making the playoffs."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Armstrong, Otis, RB, Purdue; Chavous, Barney, DE, South Carolina State; Howard, Paul, G, Brigham Young; Wood, John, DT, Louisiana State; Jackson, Tom, LB, Louisville; McTorry, Charles, DB, Tennessee State; Askea, Mike, T, Stanford; Grant, John, DE, So. California; Blackwood, Lyle, DB, Texas Christian; Marshall, Al, WR, Boise State; Brown, Elton, DE, Utah State; O'Malley, Jim, LB, Notre Dame; Smith, Ed, DE, Colorado College; White, Ed, RB, Tulsa; Hufnagel, John, QB, Penn State; Jones, Calvin, DB, Washington; Ross, Oliver, RB, Alabama A&M; Muhlbeier, Ken, C, Idaho; Morgan, Kenneth, TE, Elon.

DENVER BRONCOS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Den.	Opp.
Aug. 10 (Fri.)	WASHINGTON	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	ST. LOUIS	8:00	—	—
Aug. 26 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	1:00	—	—
Aug. 31 (Fri.)	BUFFALO	8:00	—	—
Sept. 9 (Sun.)	BALTIMORE	1:00	—	—

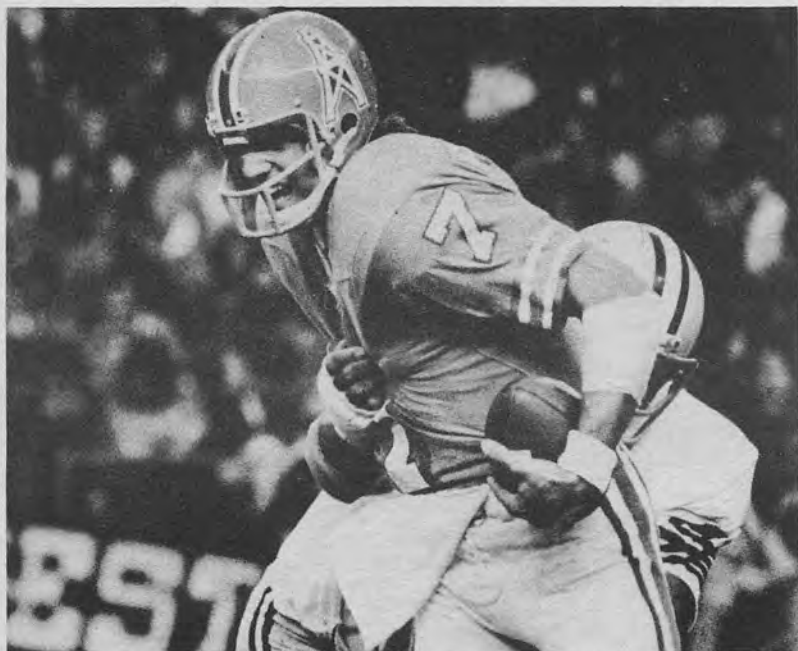
DENVER BRONCOS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Den.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	CINCINNATI	2:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	SAN FRANCISCO	2:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	2:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at Kansas City	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	at Houston	1:00	—	—
Oct. 22 (Mon.)	OAKLAND	7:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at New York Jets	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at St. Louis	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	SAN DIEGO	2:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at Pittsburgh	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	KANSAS CITY	2:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	DALLAS	2:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	at San Diego	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at Oakland	1:00	—	—

HOUSTON OILERS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr.; Gen. Mgr.: Sid Gillman; Coach: Bill Peterson; Asst. Coaches: Burnie Miller, Bruce Beatty, Earnel Durden, Joe Madro, Lew Carpenter, King Hill, Larry Peccatiello, Andy Bourgeois; Trainer: Bobby Gunn; Office: 6910 Fannin, Houston, Tex. 77025; Stadium: Astrodome (50,000); Colors: Scarlet, Columbia Blue and White; Training Camp: Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Tex.



Dan Pastorini, teeth bared, tries to evade the clutches of a tackler. He is one of the new breed of hard-running yet pass-conscious QBs.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC CENTRAL: Cincinnati (3)*, Cleveland (2), Houston (4), Pittsburgh (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 1, Lost 13

STRENGTHS: Defensive secondary; promising quarterback; fairly good receivers; good draft.

WEAKNESSES: Many, but especially at linebacker and running back; offensive line must hold better for Pastorini; there's a leadership problem to be resolved.

HOUSTON OILERS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
19	Alexander, Willie	CB	6-3	195	23	3	Alcorn A&M
48	Atkins, Bob	S	6-3	210	26	6	Grambling
12	Baker, Ed	QB	6-2	198	24	2	Lafayette
81	Beirne, Jim	WR	6-1	198	26	6	Purdue
65	Bethea, Elvin	DE	6-2	260	26	6	North Carolina A&T
52	Boyette, Garland	LB	6-1	235	32	10	Grambling
73	Brooks, Leo	DT	6-6	263	25	4	Texas-Austin
00	Burrough, Ken	WR	6-4	210	24	4	Texas Southern
2	Butler, Skip	K	6-1	200	25	3	Texas-Arlington
63	Carr, Levert	T	6-3	260	26	5	North Central State
25	Charles, John	S	6-0	198	28	7	Purdue
57	Cheek, Richard	G	6-3	256	24	3	Auburn
—	Cowlings, Al	DE	6-4	250	26	4	Southern California
59	Croyle, Phil	LB	6-3	220	23	3	California
50	Curry, Bill	C	6-2	235	31	9	Georgia Tech
20	Dawson, Rhett	WR	6-1	185	24	2	Florida State
10	Dickey, Lynn	QB	6-4	210	23	3	Kansas State
75	Drungo, Elbert	T	6-5	255	29	5	Tennessee State
41	Dusenbery, Bill	RB	6-3	210	25	2	Johnson C. Smith
69	Freelon, Solomon	G	6-2	250	22	2	Grambling
66	Funchess, Tom	T	6-5	265	28	6	Jackson State
30	Granger, Hoyle	RB	6-1	225	28	8	Mississippi State
46	Guidry, Paul	LB	6-2	230	29	8	McNeese State
—	Hargett, Edd	GB	5-11	190	26	5	Texas A&M
70	Harvey, Jim	G	6-5	255	29	8	Mississippi
—	Haymond, Alvin	S	6-0	194	31	10	Southern U.
61	Highsmith, Walter	T-C	6-4	255	29	5	Florida A&M
79	Holmes, Pat	DE	6-5	250	32	8	Texas Tech
29	Houston, Ken	S	6-3	197	28	7	Prairie View
51	Hunt, Calvin	C	6-3	245	25	3	Baylor
15	Johnson, Al	RB	6-0	200	22	2	Cincinnati
33	Johnson, Benny	CB	5-11	178	24	4	Johnson C. Smith
40	Jolley, Lewis	RB	6-0	210	23	2	North Carolina
55	Lewis, Richard	LB	6-3	220	23	2	Portland State
—	Lothamer, Ed	DT	6-5	270	30	9	Michigan State
62	Miller, Ralph	G	6-4	260	24	2	Alabama State
22	Moore, Zeke	CB	6-3	198	29	7	Lincoln, Neb.
53	Murdock, Guy	C	6-2	245	22	2	Michigan
—	Nowatzke, Tom	LB	6-3	230	29	8	Indiana
—	Parks, Billy	WR	6-1	185	25	3	Cal State-Long Beach
—	Parks, Dave	TE	6-2	215	31	10	Texas Tech
7	Pastorini, Dan	QB	6-3	196	23	3	Santa Clara
89	Reed, Alvin	TE	6-5	235	28	7	Prairie View
85	Rice, Floyd	LB	6-4	223	23	3	Alcorn A&M
56	Roberts, Guy	LB	6-1	215	22	2	Maryland
18	Robinson, Paul	RB	6-0	198	28	6	Arizona
34	Rodgers, Willie	RB	6-0	210	24	2	Kentucky State
—	Rowden, Larry	LB	6-2	220	24	3	Houston
77	Rudolph, Council	DE	6-3	260	22	2	Kentucky State
91	Sampson, Greg	DT	6-6	260	22	2	Stanford
64	Saul, Ron	G	6-2	255	24	4	Michigan State
87	Smith, Dave	WR	6-2	205	25	4	Indiana, Pa.
—	Smith, Tody	DE	6-5	245	24	3	Southern California
—	Stincic, Tom	LB	6-4	230	26	5	Michigan
68	Swinney, Clovis	DT	6-3	250	27	2	Arkansas State
71	Wells, Robert	T	6-5	275	27	5	Johnson C. Smith
83	Wells, Warren	WR	6-1	190	29	6	Texas Southern
21	Willis, Fred	RB	6-0	212	24	3	Boston College

The Oilers operated out of a dry well last season, finishing with the worst record in football. They finished their season with an 11-game losing streak, culminated by a 61-17 loss to Cincinnati. The Oilers aren't going anywhere in the standings this season unless a miracle happens; Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Cincinnati are just too much better in the AFC Central.

The immediate problem for the Oilers is for Bill Peterson to pull the team together. Peterson admits he learned a lot as a rookie coach and now he's ready to apply that knowledge. Peterson will have some help in the front office from Sid Gillman, who was named general manager. Between them, Gillman and Peterson did a lot of wheeling and dealing in the off-season. They'll take a look at some 60 veteran prospects, a high number indeed, as well as a good crop of rookies.

Peterson feels that one of the many problems last season was lack of leadership within the team. He figures experienced men picked up in trades—center Bill Curry, end Dave Parks, linebacker Paul Guidry, WR Billy Parks, defensive end Al Cowlings, etc.—will remedy that.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Dan Pastorini watched a lot of the 1972 campaign from his back. He was a very vulnerable quarterback because of Houston's problems and injuries on the line. Pastorini can throw the ball and he can run with it, too. This year, Lynn Dickey is returning from the injury list (he didn't play at all a year ago), and the Oilers have picked up Edd Hargett from New Orleans. They'll vie for the No. 2 QB job.

The Oilers have a pretty good set of receivers and a trade for Dave Parks reinforced this strongpoint. Parks can go at either tight end or wide receiver. He has a wealth of experience at both spots. Alvin Reed has been a good TE for the team in recent years, though he caught only 19 passes last season. Ken Burrough and Jim Beirne are the wide receivers at the start of training camp but Dave Smith, who caught 30 passes a year ago, and rookie speedster Edsel Garrison (Southern Cal) may change things around. Billy Parks, ex-Dallas WR, is a late-comer to the picture.

Actually, running back Fred Willis led the team in receiving last season with 45 catches. But he gained a paltry 6.6 yards a catch. Willis will have to run better if Houston is to become a halfway respectable team. Willie Rodgers averaged only 2.9 yards a carry last season but Peterson liked the looks of the rookie RB. Paul Robinson, who once gained 1,000 yards in a season for Cincinnati, is in reserve. But the bright spot in the backfield might be George Amundson, a rookie from Iowa State. He was a quarterback last season but gained over 1,300 yards the year before. Peterson foresees a few halfback passes if Amundson cracks the lineup.

OFFENSIVE LINE: The addition of Bill Curry at center should make a whale of a difference on the line. He'll bump second-year man Guy Murdock, who made the all-rookie team, out of a job. At tackle, Elbert Drungo is back from the injury list; he missed all of last season. He'll be paired with Tom Funchess. Richard Cheek is back at guard after being on the injury list all season but Solomon Freelon, who started as a rookie, and Ron Saul have the edge there. The line will be better if it stays healthy.

OILERS' 1972 RECORD: WON 1, LOST 13

17	Denver	30	0	Cleveland	20
13	Miami	34	17	*Philadelphia	18
26	*New York Jets	20	10	*Green Bay	23
0	*Oakland	34	20	San Diego	34
7	Pittsburgh	24	10	Atlanta	20
17	*Cleveland	23	3	*Pittsburgh	9
7	Cincinnati	30	17	*Cincinnati	61

Total Oiler Pts.: 164 Total Opp. Pts.: 380 *Home Games

DEFENSIVE LINE: The addition of super-rookie John Matuszak at tackle has Peterson beaming. The giant from Tampa is virtually assured of a starting job at strong-side tackle. He'll join second-year man Greg Sampson in the middle. Elvin Bethea, discouraged by the team's poor play last season, asked to be traded. But great ends like him don't come along often so Houston refused to part with him. Al Cowlings, picked up from Buffalo for a draft choice, is also a strong end. Tody Smith, from Dallas, can go at either end or tackle.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Linebacking was a problem last season and will be again this time around. Paul Guidry, acquired from Buffalo, may help. He'll contest Richard Lewis for a starting job. Guy Roberts is in the middle and Floyd Rice is on the other side. Lewis, Roberts and Rice have a total of four years experience between them. Tom Stincic, from New Orleans, will get a thorough tryout. The Oilers are sure to be looking for LB help.

The defensive secondary was a bright spot in a dark season a year ago. Ken Houston is as good as any safety in the game and Willie Alexander is climbing up the ranks among cornerbacks. Benny Johnson and veteran Zeke Moore are in the running for the other CB job and Bob Atkins is the other safety with John Charles in reserve.

SPECIALISTS: Peterson is bringing in Mark Williams, his old college kicker at Rice University, to try the placekicking (which Skip Butler does) and punting (hopefully to relieve Pastorini). Veteran Alvin Haymond should rev up the kick-return department.

OUTLOOK: Bleak. This team could improve 100% and still not get out of last place in the division because of the competition. Look for the Oilers to try to pull themselves together this season. Three or four victories would be a triumph.

THE OILER STARS

KEN HOUSTON Safety No. 29
 Prairie View 6-3 197

7th Year
 Nov. 12, 1944



The career record holder in the NFL for most touchdowns on pass interceptions with 9, including 4 in the 1971 season . . . Didn't score any touchdowns or have any interceptions in 1972, but a much-respected player who made the Pro Bowl for the third straight year . . . Definitely one of the best strong safeties . . . Said of his 1972 campaign, "I didn't make any interceptions but except for the first game with Denver I've been doing the things I'm supposed to do against the pass and the run" . . . *Pro Football Weekly* named him the best safety in the game in a pre-season poll of football experts . . . John Hadl has said: "Ken is probably the best and smartest strong safety in the league" . . . Houston lives in a tough Houston neighborhood—by choice . . . He's got bars on the door . . . But he wants to see it thrive to prove that it can . . . A ninth-round draft choice who started as a rookie . . . Team player representative and defensive captain.

DAN PASTORINI Quarterback No. 7
 Santa Clara 6-3 214

3rd Year
 May 26, 1949



A reporter for the San Diego *Union* best summed up Pastorini's second year when he described the young quarterback after a game with the Chargers: "Dan Pastorini undressed slowly, one injury at a time" . . . The lanky Californian, who can wing a football 85 yards in the air, and kick it nearly as far, had a brutal campaign in 1972 . . . But he earned respect . . . Deacon Jones of the Chargers said, "He's a great young quarterback, the best I've seen come into the league, except for Plunkett, in a long time" . . . Deacon said that Pastorini was the only quarterback who ever challenged him . . . Among his other outstanding performances was a 273-yard passing effort against the New York Jets on a day when he thought John Elliott ripped up his knee ligaments . . . With little support on the line, and no running attack, Pastorini threw 299 passes for 1,711 yards and a 48.2% mark . . . He was only intercepted 12 times . . . He also was his team's punter with a 41.2-yard average.

KEN BURROUGH Wide Receiver No. 00
 Texas Southern 6-4 210

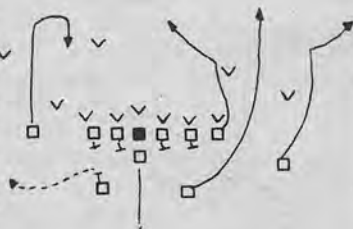
4th Year
 Jan. 14, 1948



The closest thing Houston has to a great receiver . . . Caught 26 throws last season and averaged 20 yards with them . . . One he lugged for 80 yards . . . Had 4 TDs in all . . . He started out fast in 1972 with 5 TD catches in exhibition games . . . Suffered from confused QB situation at Houston his first year (1971) after a trade from New Orleans . . . "In 1971 I'd come in on third and long but everybody in the park figured I had to run deep," he

THE OILERS' BIG PLAY

Here is a fairly typical pro pass play. One wide receiver on the left is button-hooking, the tight end is running a flag pattern, the halfback is running a fly pattern against a slower linebacker, and the right wide receiver is veering outside. The other running back is available as a safety valve.



recalled . . . He likes new coach Bill Peterson: "He lets his players use the tools they have and mine is speed" . . . Played his college ball in Houston . . . That's where he first started wearing "00" . . . A 4.4 man in the 40-yard dash . . . Spent four years in college being called "Burroughs" . . . Admits that he even calls himself that sometimes.

BILL CURRY Center No. 50
Georgia Tech 6-2 235

9th Year
Oct. 21, 1942



Maybe the only guy of stature who was happy to be sent to Houston . . . He was fed up with Baltimore after the coaching firings there . . . Oddly enough, he represented the Colts in the Pro Bowl and was an All-AFC center for the club in 1971 . . . Player representative at Baltimore, too . . . "Bill plays best against the best," Colt coach Don McCafferty said before he got the ax . . . But Curry felt Colt problems hampered his play in 1972 . . . "I

let external problems in our atmosphere affect my play," he said. "I hope that won't happen again if we have bad times" . . . A man who has four Super Bowl rings (two for Green Bay, two for Baltimore), he had never been on a losing team before . . . "Losing builds character," he philosophized. "I matured a lot last season" . . . Was traded to Houston for guard Tom Renner and a third-round draft choice.

ELVIN BETHEA Defensive End No. 65
North Carolina A&T 6-3 260

6th Year
March 1, 1946



Fed up with Oilers but the Oilers aren't fed up with him . . . Said in December that he might quit before he'd play for Houston again . . . "Even if they offer me what I want for 1973 I just want to get out of this hassle I've been in this year," he announced . . . But that came after a 61-17 defeat to Cincinnati . . . He was a little happier a month later when he was playing for the winning side in the Pro Bowl . . . It was his second straight post-season

all-star game . . . Not too happy with Houston before the season began . . . He sat out three games in exhibition season because he didn't have a contract . . . John Breen, the General Manager, said, "Bethea would be unhappy if he was in heaven" . . . Bethea thinks he peaked in 1969 and a knee injury the next year has held him back . . . But he may be the only one who thinks that way . . . A third-round draft choice who started out as an offensive guard, thus the No. 65 . . . A talented athlete who used to throw the shotput for record distances.

FRED WILLIS Running back No. 21
Boston College 6-0 212

3rd Year
Dec. 9, 1947



A tough, durable runner who got his break in the middle of 1972 when he was traded, along with Paul Robinson, to Houston for Ron Pritchard and Charlie Joiner . . . Had gained 127 yards in 42 carries for Cincinnati before the trade . . . Ended up the season with 461 yards in 134 carries for 3.4-yard average . . . Also caught 45 passes but only averaged 6.6 yards . . . Led the Bengals in yards gained as a rookie and also was third in passing . . . But he didn't like playing on a team with five fairly equal running backs . . . "Seems like I was in-and-out, in-and-out. To come up with the big play, you've got to be in there," he said . . . An injured knee and a pulled muscle cost him his starting job at Cincy . . . Proud of his strength and staying power . . . "I feel that because of my durability—working with weights, etc.—that I'll last a longer time than the average back in the NFL."

TOP ROOKIES

JOHN MATUSZAK Defensive Tackle 6-7 275

Tampa

First man taken in the whole draft, which should increase his value . . . "I was a bit surprised, but very happy," he said . . . Started out at Missouri, but had some problems there so he played out his career at Tampa . . . Made Time's All-America team as a senior, when he had 64 tackles and 86 assists . . . In 12 games in 1972, opponents only ran his side a total of three times, which makes those stats even more impressive . . . Runs the 40 in 4.8 seconds.

GEORGE AMUNDSON Running Back 6-3 215

Iowa State

Taken on the first round, the 14th man picked . . . Could start right away . . . Should add weight . . . Quarterbacked his team in 1972 and was fourth in the nation in total offense . . . Averaged 217 yards a game as a passer and rusher . . . Rushed for only 430 yards but ran for 1,316 in his junior year when he was solely a running back . . . Has run as many as 33 times a game . . . Rushed for 31 career TDs . . . A Paul Hornung type.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"We just *have* to get better," says Bill Peterson, who had a miserable debut in 1972. "The Curry trade will help us and so will the addition of veterans like Guidry, Parks, Stincic and Hargett. You have to have leadership after a season like we had and these guys can provide it."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Matuszak, John, DE, Tampa; Amundson, George, RB, Iowa State; Bingham, Greg, LB, Purdue; Garrison, Edesel, WR, So. California; Mayo, Ron, TE, Morgan State; Jordan, Shelby, T, Washington, Mo.; Blahak, Joe, DB, Nebraska; Williams, Mark, K-P, Rice; Vaughn, Darrell, DT, Northern Colorado; Eaglin, Lawrence, DB, Stephen F. Austin; Lyman, Brad, WR, UCLA; Martin, Willie, G, Northeast Oklahoma; Lou, Ron, C, Arizona State; Goree, Roger, LB, Baylor; Dameron, Tim, WR, East Carolina; Braband, Randy, LB, Texas.

HOUSTON OILERS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Hou.	Opp.
Aug. 3 (Fri.)	NEW YORK JETS	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	CHICAGO	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	Green Bay (Milwaukee)	8:00	—	—
Aug. 23 (Thurs.)	DALLAS	8:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	BALTIMORE	8:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	at New Orleans	8:00	—	—

HOUSTON OILERS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Hou.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at New York Giants	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at Cincinnati	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	PITTSBURGH	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	LOS ANGELES	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	DENVER	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at Cleveland	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at Chicago	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	2:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at Kansas City	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	NEW ENGLAND	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	OAKLAND	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	at Pittsburgh	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	CINCINNATI	1:00	—	—

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Lamar Hunt; Gen. Mgr.: Jack Steadman; Coach: Hank Stram; Asst. Coaches: Bill Walsh, Pete Brewster, John Beake, Tom Pratt, Tom Bettis, Walt Corey, Tommy O'Boyle; Trainer: Wayne Rudy; Office: One Arrowhead Dr., Kansas City, Mo. 64129; Stadium: Arrowhead (78,034); Colors: Red and Gold; Training Camp: William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.



Willie Lanier heads for the ball after dislodging it from the grasp of Washington's Larry Brown. Curley Culp, arms padded, follows.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC WEST: Denver (3)*, Kansas City (2), Oakland (1), San Diego (4) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 8, Lost 6

STRENGTHS: A team loaded with stars and fortified by some outstanding trades (Willie Ellison, Gerry Philbin, Francis Peay, Pete Beathard).

WEAKNESSES: The aging process may have started to affect this team; lots of old players at key positions; a club in need of a spark; QB Dawson just hasn't been giving that to the Chiefs after 17 years in the pros.

What's wrong with the Chiefs?

No one can pinpoint the problem but here's a team that should have

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

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48	Allen, Nate	CB	5-10	170	25	3	Texas Southern
-	Beathard, Pete	QB	6-1	200	31	9	Southern California
78	Bell, Bobby	LB	6-4	228	33	11	Minnesota
55	Best, Keith	LB	6-3	220	23	2	Kansas State ✓
86	Buchanan, Buck	DT	6-7	270	33	11	Grambling
71	Budde, Ed	G	6-5	265	33	11	Michigan State ✓
9	Carlson, Dean	QB	6-3	210	23	2	Iowa State ✓
61	Culp, Curley	DT	6-1	265	27	6	Arizona State
60	Daney, George	DE	6-4	240	26	6	Texas—El Paso
16	Dawson, Len	QB	6-0	190	38	17	Purdue
-	Ellison, Willie	RB	6-2	210	27	7	Texas Southern
83	Frazier, Willie	TE	6-4	234	31	10	Arkansas AM&N
79	Gagner, Larry	G	6-2	268	29	6	Florida
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41	Jankowski, Bruce	WR	5-11	185	24	3	Ohio State
46	Kearney, Jim	S	6-2	206	30	9	Prairie View ✓
31	Kinney, Jeff	RB	6-2	215	22	2	Nebraska ✓
63	Lanier, Willie	LB	6-1	245	28	7	Morgan State
10	Livingston, Mike	QB	6-4	212	27	6	Southern Methodist
51	Lynch, Jim	LB	6-1	235	28	7	Notre Dame
40	Marsalis, Jim	CB	5-11	194	27	5	Tennessee State
22	Marshall, Larry	CB	5-10	195	23	2	Maryland
6	McVea, Warren	RB	5-9	182	27	5	Houston
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35	Otis, Jim	RB	6-0	220	25	4	Ohio State ✓
-	Peay, Francis	T	6-5	250	28	8	Missouri ✓
-	Philbin, Gerry	DE	6-2	245	31	10	Buffalo
14	Podolak, Ed	RB	6-1	204	26	5	Iowa
15	Reardon, Kerry	CB	5-11	180	24	3	Iowa
58	Rudnay, Jack	C	6-3	240	25	4	Northwestern ✓
67	Seals, George	DT	6-3	260	30	10	Missouri ✓
20	Sensibaugh, Mike	S	5-11	192	24	3	Ohio State
70	Smith, Sid	T	6-4	260	25	4	Southern California
3	Stenerud, Jan	K	6-2	187	30	7	Montana State
88	Stroud, Morris	TE	6-10	255	27	5	Clark College
89	Taylor, Otis	WR	6-3	215	31	9	Prairie View
18	Thomas, Emmitt	CB	6-2	192	30	8	Bishop
77	Tyrer, Jim	T	6-6	280	34	11	Ohio State
81	Upshaw, Marvin	DE	6-4	260	26	6	Trinity
54	Werner, Clyde	LB	6-4	225	25	4	Washington
26	West, Robert	WR	6-4	218	22	2	San Diego State
44	Wilson, Jerrel	P	6-2	222	32	11	Southern Mississippi
17	Wright, Elmo	WR	6-0	190	24	3	Houston
99	Young, Wilbur	DT	6-6	285	24	3	William Penn

been better than 8-6 a year ago. The decline really began two years ago when Miami beat them in the famous overtime playoff game.

Some excellent off-season deals could bring some new leadership to one of the most talented groups in pro football. Gerry Philbin is a fine defensive end who could bump veteran Marv Upshaw out of a job. Willie Ellison is an explosive running back, something the Chiefs need. Francis Peay fortifies the offensive line, particularly at left tackle where Jim Tyrer is getting up in years. Pete Beathard is no world beater but he's a long-throwing quarterback who could shake up the Chiefs at that position.

The Chiefs don't have any major weaknesses. But somebody, whether it's Hank Stram or Len Dawson or an unknown, is going to have to inject some life into the offense. Maybe Willie Ellison's running will do it. The Chiefs failed to go on the warpath every time they met a tough defensive club last season. That's no way to get to the Super Bowl.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Dawson could be the key to a good year or the reason for a collapse if Stram continues to go with him. Len is one of the great QBs in football history; he has the statistics to prove it. But lifetime stats mean nothing once a new year comes around. Dawson was as effective as ever in 1972, completing 57.4% of his passes. But his TD total of 13 wasn't much on a team blessed with receivers like Otis Taylor, Elmo Wright and Ed Podolak. If Dawson starts slowly, look for the Chiefs to turn more to Mike Livingston, who guided the team to 11 victories in 11 starting assignments over the years. Or Dean Carlson, a second-year man, or Beathard.

Taylor carried the brunt of the offense last year, catching 57 passes for 821 yards. Podolak, the best rusher, had 615 yards on the ground and caught 46 passes for 345 more yards.

After them, the attack wasn't much of an attack at all. Wendell Hayes is an adequate RB but Ellison may be much better. Jeff Kinney didn't live up to his billing as the No. 1 draft choice. Elmo Wright showed promise as a receiver but missed half the season with injuries. Rookie Andy Hamilton may see more duty. The tight ends will be Willie Frazier and Morris Stroud, two veterans, but Gary Butler, a rookie, might be a better receiver-blocker than either of them.

OFFENSIVE LINE: The Chiefs are solid with Jim Tyrer, Francis Peay and Dave Hill at the tackles, backed by Sid Smith and rookie Paul Krause; all-star types Ed Budde and Mo Moorman are at the guards; and Jack Rudnay is the center. George Seals, who was acquired from the Chicago Bears prior to the 1972 season, is a topflight reserve and possible starter.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Gerry Philbin is an outstanding player who could help make this line one of the best. Wilbur Young, the 285-pound end on the other side of the line, found his niche last season. Buck Buchanan and Curley Culp are fine tackles. Marv Upshaw, whether he's on the bench or in the starting lineup, is a solid pro.

CHIEFS' 1972 RECORD: WON 8, LOST 6

10	*Miami	20	27	*Oakland	14
20	New Orleans	17	7	Pittsburgh	16
45	Denver	24	17	*San Diego	27
31	Cleveland	7	3	Oakland	26
16	*Cincinnati	23	24	*Denver	21
20	*Philadelphia	21	24	*Baltimore	10
26	San Diego	14	17	Atlanta	14

Total Chief Pts.: 287 Total Opp. Pts.: 254 *Home Games

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Nobody has better linebackers than KC: Willie Lanier (the best in the AFC) is in the center, Bobby Bell (the best outside linebacker in the AFC) is on the strong side and Jim Lynch on the weak side. And the defensive secondary is just as good. Jim Marsalis and Emmitt Thomas are all-star cornerbacks. Safeties Jim Kearney and Mike Sensibaugh stole 13 passes between them last season. Kearney alone accounted for 4 TD runbacks with steals. Sensibaugh turned out to be a fine replacement for old pro Johnny Robinson, who retired.

SPECIALISTS: The Chiefs came up with an outstanding kick returner last season in Larry Marshall, who lugged kickoffs back for an average of 28.3 yards and ran back 18 punts for an average of 5.7 yards. Jan Stenerud is as fine a placekicker as there is in the league; he's the all-time percentage leader in the NFL on field goals, having clicked on nearly 70% of his tries. Jerrel Wilson got to display his punting in the Pro Bowl.

OUTLOOK: The Chiefs inner-struggle of talent and depth versus age and lethargy continues. If talent and depth win out, this team could press a club like Miami.

THE CHIEF STARS

OTIS TAYLOR Wide Receiver No. 89

Prairie View 6-3 215

9th Year

Aug. 11, 1942



Was second to Oakland's Fred Biletnikoff for the second year in a row among AFC receivers . . . In fact, he missed by a catch in 1972 . . . He's one of the game's prime receivers and has been almost since he came into the league . . . Had 57 catches for 6 TDs in 1972, bringing his career totals to 352 receptions and 51 scores . . . He's been an all-star type almost annually and was in all three AFC-NFC Pro Bowl games . . . Had some big days for KC

in 1972, especially when he pulled in 10 passes for 149 yards and a TD in a losing effort to Cincinnati . . . Not really happy in KC . . . It's not the city but the thought of being such a class ballplayer who has little to cash in on despite his universal reputation . . . Has been a perennial All-AFC choice, a several times All-Pro and even the AFC Player of the Year in at least one poll . . . But he says he can't even get a dog-food commercial.

LEN DAWSON Quarterback No. 16
Purdue 6-0 190

17th Year
June 20, 1935



Bob Griese, one of the Young Turks of quarterbacking, took a verbal popshot at old pro Dawson in April when he said, "Putting it realistically, Lennie is probably past his prime. He has been great and he has some good football left in him, but I don't know if he has the imagination anymore to do the things that are unexpected" . . . Griese may have hit the nail on the head . . . Dawson has been around for a long time, long enough to throw 3,265 passes in pro ball . . . He's had a nice completion average (56.3%) for all those years, and has over 25,000 yards and 225 TD tosses to his credit . . . But the Chief offense has been lethargic in the past couple of years . . . Last season, Dawson threw 305 times, which put him pretty close to third among AFC pitchers, and he connected 57.4% of the time . . . But he gained only 6.02 yards a toss which wasn't much compared to the mad bombers like Morrall, Lamonica, Namath.

JAN STENERUD Placekicker No. 3
Montana State 6-2 187

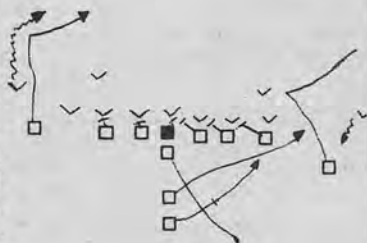
7th Year
Nov. 26, 1942



Coming off a bad year, having hit only 21 of 36 field-goal attempts . . . But he tried 7 from over 50 yards, which were more long-distance boots than any AFC player except Miami's Garo Yepremian . . . Jan's troubles actually started on the last play of 1971 when he missed a 31-yarder in overtime game with Miami . . . Last year he scored 95 points, making it the first time he's been below 100 . . . But KC wouldn't give him up . . . He's been too consistent for too long . . . Has kicked a 55-yarder and he holds the Super Bowl record at 48 . . . A 50-yarder was his best in 1972 . . . He also has kicked a record 4 FGs in the Pro Bowl . . . A Norwegian who didn't see his first American football game until he went to college . . . Goes through four pairs of kicking shoes per season.

THE CHIEFS' BIG PLAY

Here is an effective Kansas City play-action pass. Dawson fakes handing off to the two running backs, who seem to be running a play off-tackle or to the outside. The wide receiver on the right cuts toward the safety as though to block, hoping that the safety will read run and come up. Then the wide receiver breaks outside for the long pass down the right sideline.



WILLIE LANIER Linebacker No. 63
Morgan State 6-1 245

7th Year
Aug. 21, 1945



The "Bear" . . . Bob Johnson, all-star center for the Cincinnati Bengals, says of KC's stout middle linebacker: "Willie is so strong that on the draw, when he backs up 3 or 4 feet giving you a run of perhaps 8 feet, you feel as though you have a real shot at him . . . then you go out and hit a brick wall" . . . Willie wasn't as effective in 1972 . . . Injuries limited his game time . . . He missed his first start in six seasons when he had to sit out a Denver game late in the season . . . But he still was good enough to win All-AFC honors again . . . He made the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl for the third consecutive year . . . Had 2 pass interceptions to bring his career total to 14.

JIM KEARNEY Safety No. 46
Prairie View 6-2 206

9th Year
Jan. 21, 1943



Pulled off a couple of record-setting feats in 1972 . . . Against Denver, the first time KC and the Broncos met, Jim snatched 2 interceptions and returned them for TDs of 43 and 32 yards . . . Only seven men before him had a pair of TD runbacks on pass interceptions in a single game . . . Later he returned a 65-yarder to score against Pittsburgh . . . Then in a return match with Denver, he got his record-tying fourth TD return of the season . . . Together with an interception versus San Diego that set up a field goal, he had 5 for the year to bring his career total to 20 . . . Until 1972, he had only one scoring runback . . . Kearney came to the Chiefs by luck . . . He had been Otis Taylor's passer in college . . . He was drafted by Detroit, sold to Philadelphia and picked up by KC as a free agent . . . When Bobby Hunt was sent off to Cincy in the expansion draft, Kearney moved into the starting lineup.

ED PODOLAK Running Back No. 14
Iowa 6-1 204

5th Year
Sept. 1, 1947



Don't be surprised if you find this hulking ball-carrier at quarterback some day . . . Hank Stram keeps reminding people that "Ed was a quarterback in college" . . . Ed, in fact, was a fine QB until his college found out he could lug a football, too . . . That was in the middle of his senior year and he's been a standout runner ever since . . . 1972 wasn't much of a glory year, though . . . He led the team in rushing with 615 yards and scored 4 TDs on the ground . . . He also caught 46 passes, more than any other running back in the AFC and the sixth highest total in the conference . . . But he was hurt often, the aftermath of ankle and hip injuries . . . He averaged only 3.6 yards a carry . . . Didn't get to throw a pass either . . . A farmboy from Atlantic, Ia., and a bachelor . . . He credits his play at QB for his success as a runner and receiver: "It helped me to read defenses."

BOB BELL Linebacker No. 78
Minnesota 6-4 228

11th Year
June 17, 1940



One of the most honored players in the game . . . An All-AFL linebacker in four of six years before the merger and an All-AFC choice every season since . . . A member of nine all-star games, including the past three AFC-NFC Pro Bowl clashes . . . He reached his peak in the last Pro Bowl when he stole a pass and returned it 12 yards to give the AFC the winning touchdown . . . During the season he intercepted 3 passes to bring his lifetime total to 24 . . . 5 of those, including a 61-yarder versus Denver last season, were for TDs . . . Only a couple of linebackers in the AFC have more . . . He made the key interception that turned one San Diego game around in KC's favor.

TOP ROOKIE

GARY BUTLER Tight End 6-4 234

Rice

Fine prospect because of his all-around talents . . . Consensus All-Southwest Conference as a junior and a senior . . . He was the first man taken on the second round of the draft and the initial choice of the Chiefs . . . Caught 27 passes for 397 yards as a junior, 45 for 708 yards as a senior . . . Can run over people after he catches the ball . . . One of the finest high school discus throwers in the country when he was at Conroe, Texas, H.S.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"Our entire personnel program is geared to the needs of our immediate situation," says Hank Stram, the only coach the Chiefs ever had. "Everything is still done by design, and in order to maintain the continuing high level of efficiency, we felt that at the time of the draft we could not justifiably rely on the college material as the sole means of enhancing the ability of our squad to accomplish its objectives of winning the Super Bowl."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Butler, Gary, TE, Rice; Krause, Paul, T, Central Michigan; Lohmeyer, John, DE, Emporia State; Grambau, Fred, DE, Michigan; Jones, Doug, DB, San Fernando Valley; Smith, Don, T, Purdue; Palewicz, Al, LB, Miami; Story, Bill, DT, Southern Illinois; Osley, Willie, DB, Illinois; Eley, Monroe, RB, Arizona State; Ramsey, Tom, DT, Northern Arizona; Metallo, Paul, DB, Massachusetts; White, Albert, WR, Ft. Valley State; Grooms, Wilbur, LB, Tampa; Korver, Clayton, TE, Southern Methodist.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			K.C.	Opp.
Aug. 4 (Sat.)	NEW ORLEANS	8:00	—	—
Aug. 13 (Sat.)	DETROIT	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	MINNESOTA	8:00	—	—
Aug. 26 (Sun.)	GREEN BAY	8:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	at Dallas	8:00	—	—
Sept. 7 (Fri.)	at St. Louis	8:00	—	—

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			K.C.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	LOS ANGELES	3:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at New England	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	OAKLAND	3:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	DENVER	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	at Green Bay (Mil)	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at Cincinnati	4:00	—	—
Oct. 29 (Mon.)	at Buffalo	9:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at San Diego	1:00	—	—
Nov. 12 (Mon.)	CHICAGO	8:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	HOUSTON	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	at Denver	2:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	3:00	—	—
Dec. 8 (Sat.)	at Oakland	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	SAN DIEGO	1:00	—	—

MIAMI DOLPHINS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Managing General Partner: Joe Robbie; Coach: Don Shula; Asst. Coaches: Bill Arnsparger, Monte Clark, Tom Keane, Bill McPeak, Mike Scarry, Carl Taseff; Trainer: Bill Lundy; Office: 330 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla. 33132; Stadium: Orange Bowl (74,376); Colors: Aqua and Orange; Training Camp: Biscayne College, Opa Locka, Fla.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC EAST: Baltimore (3)*, Buffalo (4), Miami (1), New England (5), N.Y. Jets (2). *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 14, Lost 0

STRENGTHS: All over and it's a young team besides; good depth, too; closely knit, especially on defense; lots of game-breakers like Warfield, Csonka, Morris; outstanding safeties.

WEAKNESSES: Only problems could come with injuries, especially to quarterback Griese or defensive line.

Talk is cheap and every year when someone wins the Super Bowl the word "dynasty" emerges. But it might be safe to gingerly use the word when discussing the Dolphins.

The reason: this is an unusually young team. Even the few guys with 10 or more years of service in the NFL are 32 or younger, with the exception of ageless Earl Morrall, who does amazing things for Don Shula-coached teams. Only four 30-year-olds are in the starting line-up: Nick Buoniconti (32), Marv Fleming (31), Paul Warfield (30), and Norm Evans (30). And it will take some doing for even the top rookies (defensive linemen Chuck Bradley of Oregon and Leon Gray of Jackson State and receiver Bo Rather of Michigan) to even make the squad. Only two of last year's rookies (defensive tackle Mautly Moore and safety Charles Babb) got to see action and it was minimal.

The Dolphins will be shooting for a rare distinction—the only team to make it to the Super Bowl three years in a row. And then there is the pressure of a 17-game winning streak. The road to the playoffs, taking a potential Super Bowl letdown into consideration, shouldn't be too difficult for a team that has won 17 in a row. The AFC East is not that tough, with Baltimore trying to regroup and the New York Jets aging, and even if someone in the AFC East should upset the Dolphins, the club could make it easily as a runnerup team.

The man who pulls this club together is Shula, of course. He's been a loser of two Super Bowls so he knows the pitfalls. He's an untiring worker and magnificent organizer and a very poor man at accepting anything less than first place.

MIAMI DOLPHINS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
40	Anderson, Dick	S	6-2	196	27	6	Colorado ✓
49	Babb, Charles	S	6-0	190	23	2	Memphis State
51	Ball, Larry	LB	6-6	225	24	2	Louisville
86	Briscoe, Marlin	WR	5-11	178	27	5	Omaha
85	Buoniconti, Nick	LB	5-11	220	32	12	Notre Dame
77	Crusan, Doug	T	6-4	250	27	6	Indiana
39	Csonka, Larry	RB	6-2	237	26	6	Syracuse
11	Del Gaizo, Jim	QB	6-1	198	26	2	Tampa
83	Den Herder, Vern	DE	6-6	250	24	3	Central, Iowa
78	Dunaway, Jim	DT	6-4	277	32	11	Mississippi
73	Evans, Norm	T	6-5	250	30	9	Texas Christian
75	Fernandez, Manny	DT	6-2	250	27	6	Utah
80	Fleming, Marv	TE	6-4	232	31	11	Utah
25	Foley, Tim	CB	6-0	194	24	4	Purdue
32	Ginn, Hubert	RB	5-10	185	26	4	Florida A&M
12	Griese, Bob	QB	6-1	190	28	7	Purdue
72	Heinz, Bob	DT—DE	6-6	265	26	5	Pacific
60	Jenkins, Al	G—T	6-2	245	27	4	Tulsa
28	Jenkins, Ed	RB	6-2	210	23	2	Holy Cross
45	Johnson, Curtis	CB	6-1	196	25	4	Toledo
21	Kick, Jim	RB	5-11	214	27	6	Wyoming
54	Kindig, Howard	T—C	6-6	260	32	7	Cal State—L.A.
57	Kolen, Mike	LB	6-2	220	25	4	Auburn
67	Kuechenberg, Bob	G	6-2	248	25	4	Notre Dame
62	Langer, Jim	C	6-2	250	25	4	South Dakota State
23	Leigh, Charles	RB	5-11	206	27	5	None
66	Little, Larry	G	6-1	265	27	7	Bethune—Cookman
7	Lothridge, Billy	P	6-1	200	31	10	Georgia
88	Mandich, Jim	TE	6-2	224	25	4	Michigan
53	Matheson, Bob	LB	6-4	235	28	7	Duke
65	Moore, Maulty	DT	6-5	265	27	2	Bethune—Cookman
79	Moore, Wayne	T	6-6	265	27	4	Lamar Tech
15	Morrall, Earl	QB	6-2	210	39	18	Michigan State
22	Morris, Mercury	RB	5-10	190	26	5	West Texas State
26	Mumphord, Lloyd	CB	5-10	176	26	5	Texas Southern
89	Noonan, Karl	WR	6-2	198	29	7	Iowa
56	Powell, Jesse	LB	6-2	220	26	5	West Texas State
13	Scott, Jake	S	6-0	188	28	4	Georgia
20	Seiple, Larry	TE—P	6-0	214	28	7	Kentucky
—	Sellers, Ron	WR	6-4	205	25	5	Florida State
84	Stanfill, Bill	DE	6-5	250	26	5	Georgia
59	Swift, Doug	LB	6-3	226	25	4	Amherst
81	Twilley, Howard	WR	5-10	185	29	8	Tulsa
42	Warfield, Paul	WR	6-0	188	30	10	Ohio State
1	Yepremian, Garo	K	5-8	175	29	6	None

Bob Griese: Why He's Football's Best Quarterback

BOB GRIESE Quarterback No. 12
Purdue 6-1 190

7th Year
Feb. 3, 1945



Pittsburgh led, 10-7, and now the Miami Dolphins were only 30 minutes away from losing this AFC Championship game and the right to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl. Into the game came Bob Griese, out most of the season with a fractured ankle, replacing Earl Morrall. In the huddle Griese called a favorite pass pattern—a look-in pass to Paul Warfield. This is a play that requires exquisite timing. “Grease,” as the Dolphins call him, stepped into the pocket. He seemed to shrug off the rustiness of a nine-week layoff. He threw a pass that hit Warfield between the palms and the slim receiver streaked 52 yards. A minute later the Dolphins scored to lead 14-10 and go on to win the championship, 21-17.

Late in the game the Dolphins huddled. Someone said, “Let’s watch we don’t have an off-side,” and someone else shouted, “Let’s punch it down their throats like they wanted to do to us.”

“Shut up,” growled Grease, and immediately there was silence. “Let’s get this thing going,” he said, calling a play.

“He was beautiful,” Mercury Morris said after the game. “He took over like he had never been away. That’s the mark of a leader.”

Last year’s stats tell you that Griese, in his abbreviated season, threw 97 times and completed 53 for a 54.5% accuracy rate. Four passes were for touchdowns. In the Super Bowl victory over Washington he completed 6 of 6 in the first half and 8 of 11 in the game—a 72.7% completion rate that was the highest in Super Bowl history. But what he did in that Pittsburgh game, coming back after two months of inactivity to rev up Miami’s faltering attack, and how he did it—taking over with forceful “shut up” command—tell you why Bob Griese is an AFL All-Star twice, a Pro Bowler twice, the Dolphin MVP four times, and football’s best quarterback.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Without Bob Griese for over half the season, the Dolphins were a 17-0 team. With Bob Griese, well, they can’t get better than 17-0 but they figure to be a better club. The Dolphins stuck to the ground last season, as they had the year before, and gained an awesome 2,960 yards. In starters Larry Csonka (1,117) and Mercury Morris (1,000), they have the best tandem in football. In Jim Kiick (521) they have the best reserve.

Griese is a man who can march a team up and down the field all day long. He can pass, too, and when he lets one go to Paul Warfield it can mean touchdown. Warfield is worth 20 yards anytime he catches the ball. The other top Miami receivers are Kiick (21 catches coming off the bench last season, which was about half of what he got as a starter); Howard Twilley, who may be the smartest receiver in the game; Marlin Briscoe,

DOLPHINS' 1972 RECORD: WON 14, LOST 0

20	Kansas City	10	30	Buffalo	16
34	*Houston	13	52	*New England	0
16	Minnesota	14	28	*New York Jets	24
28	New York Jets	17	31	*St. Louis	10
24	*San Diego	10	37	New England	21
24	*Buffalo	23	23	New York Giants	13
23	Baltimore	0	16	*Baltimore	0

Total Dolphin Pts.: 385 Total Opp. Pts.: 171 *Home Games

POST SEASON GAMES

Miami 20, Cleveland 14 (AFC Divisional Playoff)

Miami 21, Pittsburgh 17 (AFC Championship)

Miami 14, Washington 7 (Super Bowl VII)

another reserve; Mercury Morris; and Ron Sellers, who comes to Miami from the Dallas Cowboys for Otto Stowe.

The tight ends, Marv Fleming (13 catches) and Jim Mandich (11 catches, 3 TDs, mostly on a two-tight end offense), are used mainly for blocking. The overall receiving corps is so good that Csonka only had to catch 5 passes a year ago.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Tackle Norm Evans and guard Larry Little are Pro Bowl types. Doug Crusan gave up some of his playing time at the other tackle to Wayne Moore last season due to injuries but he and guard Bob Kuechenberg are solid performers. Jim Langer and Howard Kindig at center may get tested by rookie Chuck Bradley but don't bet on it happening by opening day. Fleming and Mandich add powerful blocking to this line, too.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Not deep and a possible weakspot should there be injuries. But end Bill Stanfill is an All-Pro, tackle Manny Fernandez is close to that caliber and end Vern Den Herder and tackle Bob Heinz fill in the gaps very well.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Middle linebacker Nick Buoniconti is the heart of the defense and All-Pro safeties Jack Scott and Dick Anderson combine with him to make an impregnable triangle. Tim Foley and Curtis Johnson, backed up by Lloyd Mumphord, take good care of the corners. Strong-side linebacker Doug Swift, who had 92 tackles last season and 3 interceptions, may be the most underrated of the defenders. Mike Kolen is the other linebacker and Bob Matheson is a top reserve.

SPECIALISTS: Garo Yepremian is a potent FG kicker. He only missed one of 18 boots under 40 yards. His only weakness is as a passer as he

found out in the Super Bowl; but chances are he'll never pass again for a Shula-coached team. Larry Seiple is an adequate punter but this team doesn't give him many opportunities to do it. Morris is one of the best kickoff returners while Charlie Leigh and Jake Scott do a good job returning punts.

OUTLOOK: Barring injuries, look for an encore of 1972. Don't expect 17-0 again, but there should be no more than two or three losses.

THE DOLPHIN STARS

LARRY CSONKA Running Back No. 39
Syracuse 6-2 237

6th Year
Dec. 25, 1946



The first Dolphin to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season (in 1971)... He topped that in 1972 with 1,117... Averaged 5.2 yards a carry... Has 4,148 yards and 27 TDs in five seasons of NFL play... Made All-AFC in every poll and was *Pro Football Weekly's* All-NFL fullback... Rushed for 112 yards on 15 carries in the Super Bowl... Punishing runner who rarely attempts to finesse... He's also been punished: ten broken noses, a

cracked ear drum, bone chips in the elbow, broken blood vessel on his forehead and numerous concussions... "The trouble with playing running back," he says, "is that you can't tell where the blow's coming from. The worst thing is when they have you and you can't advance the ball and you can't fall down. They hold you and you're open to those straight shots from some guy's helmet"... "I just plow away," he says, "fighting for every inch and accept the consequences."

NICK BUONICONTI Linebacker No. 85
Notre Dame 5-11 220

12th Year
Dec. 15, 1940

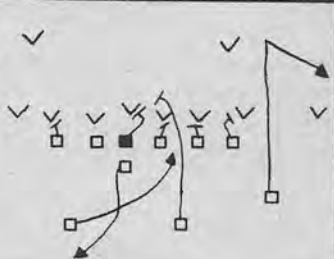


"Old Man" of the Dolphin defense at age 32... Made some All-AFC teams and the Pro Bowl (for the first time)... Leading tackler on the Dolphins last season with an unusually high total of 146 (72 tackles, 74 assists)... Also had a pair of interceptions... Has 30 intercepts for his career, which included seven seasons for the Boston Patriots... A choice for the All-Time All-AFL team, he was traded away by the Patriots after the 1968

season... He's been a hero in Miami ever since... Just a 13th-round draft choice at the onset of his career... Small for a middle linebacker... He captains the Dolphin defense and calls the signals... Busy man off the field, too—he's a lawyer in Miami.

THE DOLPHINS' BIG PLAY

This is the way the Dolphins make the tough third-and-one short yardage. With Miami's two big backs, Kiick and Csonka in the lineup, right guard Larry Little and right tackle Norm Evans block straight ahead, Csonka leading Kiick into the hole.



MANNY FERNANDEZ Defensive Tackle No. 75
Utah 6-2 250

6th Year
July 3, 1946



Typical hero of the "No Name Defense" ... Came to Dolphins in 1968 as free agent ... Has been the team's Defensive Lineman of the Year ever since ... Small for a standout tackle and admits "I'd like to go about 6-5 and weigh 270" ... Had his finest season in 1972 though he made at least one All-AFC team in 1971 ... Was UPI's second-team All-AFC tackle in 1972 ... Was Lifesaver of the Month for January (given out by the candy company) ... He earned it by making 11 individual tackles and 6 assists in the Super Bowl ... "I've never been an MVP anywhere," he said when he received the award ... Plays defense by braille system ... Has 20/200 vision and can't wear contacts ... Miami picked him up originally so he'd be a favorite of Spanish-speaking fans ... He can't speak a word of it.

PAUL WARFIELD Wide Receiver No. 42
Ohio State 6-0 188

10th Year
Nov. 28, 1942



They don't come any better at his position ... His idea of an "off-year" was one like 1972 when he caught 29 passes for 606 yards and a 20.9-yards-per-catch average ... The NEA panel felt that was good enough for All-NFL honors and almost everyone else made him at least All-AFC ... Missed part of the 1972 season, including two whole games, due to injuries ... In 1971, he caught 43 passes for 996 yards and made 13 more receptions in three playoff games ... Has averaged over 20 yards a catch for seven straight seasons ... Has 64 career TDs ... Figures are amazing when you consider he's double covered each time out ... A winner who has been in a playoff game of sorts in all but one of his nine seasons ... Has caught 48 passes in these contests.

MERCURY MORRIS Running Back No. 22
West Texas State 5-10 190

5th Year
Jan. 5, 1947



A game-breaker who had his finest season in 1972 . . . He beat out all-star Jim Kiick for a first-string job . . . Did it by gaining an even 1,000 yards . . . Actually, Mercury (his real name is Eugene) was given credit for only 991 yards when the statistics came out at the end of the regular season . . . But a review of a game movie and an NFL decision added 9 yards to that total . . . Had gained less than a thousand for his previous three seasons combined even though he rolled up 3,388 as a collegian . . . Was mostly a kick returner and backup rusher for the Dolphins until 1972 . . . Longest run of last season was only 33 yards but he found the end zone 12 times . . . Made the Pro Bowl for the second time . . . Compares rushing and returning by saying, "The running back gets socked more often but the return man gets socked harder."

LARRY LITTLE Guard No. 66
Bethune-Cookman 6-1 265

7th Year
Nov. 2, 1945



Guiding light for the Dolphin 1,000-yard rushing tandem of Csonka and Morris . . . He's been starring ever since he came to Miami from San Diego in 1969 . . . Was an All-Star game choice his first season in Miami, where he once played high school ball . . . Has been a Pro Bowl pick in the past three seasons . . . In 1970 he opened a camp for poor boys on South Beach in Miami . . . He put up his own funds to feed, house and teach football to youngsters of his Gold Coast Summer Camp . . . He accommodates up to 600 kids.

JAKE SCOTT Safety No. 13
Georgia 6-0 188

4th Year
July 20, 1945



Started his pro career in Canada where he was a standout receiver . . . But after one season he joined the Dolphins . . . Took a \$5,000 pay cut to come back . . . Reached his peak in 1972 . . . Honors included All-NFL selections by *Pro Football Weekly* . . . Made the Pro Bowl for the first time . . . And was *Sport* magazine's MVP in the Super Bowl . . . Scott's heroics in Super Bowl VII were surprising since he didn't practice for two weeks before the game . . . He had suffered a bruised right shoulder and had bone chips in his right wrist . . . But he made 2 important interceptions . . . Had 5 interceptions as a yearling, 7 as a sophomore and 5 last season . . . He's also led the team in punt returns . . . Doesn't like the fair catch.

TOP ROOKIE

LEON GRAY Tackle 6-3 256

Jackson State

A third-round draft choice . . . "We rated him as a second-round player," declares Beathard, who personally timed him after he got a misleading report . . . All-Southwestern Conference . . . An honor student

TIP FROM THE COACH

"I'm no miracle worker," says Don Shula. "I don't have a magic formula that I'm going to give to the world as soon as I can write a book. I'm not a person with a great deal of finesse. I'm about as subtle as a punch in the mouth. I'm just a guy who rolls up his sleeves and goes to work."

as a sociology student . . . Good at pass-blocking and pulling out of the line, say the Dolphins.

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Bradley, Chuck, C, Oregon; Gray, Leon, T, Jackson State; Rather, Dave, WR, Michigan; Strock, Don, QB, Virginia Tech; McCurry, Dave, DB, Iowa State; Newman, Ed, G, Duke; Reilly, Kevin, LB, Villanova; Shepherd, Benny, RB, Arkansas Tech; Hatter, Willie, WR, Northern Illinois; Smith, Tom, RB, Miami; Pearmon, Archie, DE, N. E. Oklahoma; Lorch, Karl, DE, So. California; Fernandez, Ron, DE, Eastern Michigan; Kete, Chris, C, Boston College; Mullen, Mike, LB, Tulane; Booker, Joe, RB, Miami, Ohio; Boyd, Greg, RB, Arizona; Palmer, Bill, TE, St. Thomas, Minnesota; Jackson, James, DE, Norfolk State; Wade, Charlie, WR, Tennessee State.

MIAMI DOLPHINS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Mia.	Opp.
July 27 (Fri.)	College All-Stars (Chicago)	9:00	—	—
Aug. 4 (Sat.)	CINCINNATI	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	NEW ORLEANS	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	CHICAGO	8:00	—	—
Aug. 24 (Fri.)	LOS ANGELES	8:00	—	—
Aug. 31 (Fri.)	at Minnesota	8:00	—	—
Sept. 6 (Thurs.)	at Dallas	8:00	—	—

MIAMI DOLPHINS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Mia.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at Oakland	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	NEW ENGLAND	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at New York Jets	1:00	—	—
Oct. 15 (Mon.)	at Cleveland	9:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	BUFFALO	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at New England	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	NEW YORK JETS	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	BALTIMORE	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at Buffalo	1:00	—	—
Nov. 22 (Thurs.)	at Dallas	2:30	—	—
Dec. 3 (Mon.)	PITTSBURGH	9:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	2:00	—	—
Dec. 15 (Sat.)	DETROIT	1:00	—	—

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: William Sullivan; Gen. Mgr. and Coach: Chuck Fairbanks; Asst. Coaches: Hank Bullough, Ron Erhardt, Robert Miller, Bill Nelsen, Sam Rutigliano, Charley Sumner, Jim Valek, Larrye Weaver; Trainer: Tom Healion; Office: Route 1, Foxboro, Mass. 02035; Stadium: Schaefer (60,999); Colors: Red, White and Blue.



Soaring over a dark-shirted Patriot and a teammate, Buffalo's O.J. Simpson flies for yardage against a porous New England defense.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC EAST: Baltimore (3)*, Buffalo (4), Miami (1), New England (5), New York Jets (2) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 3, Lost 11

STRENGTHS: Potentially good passing attack; some fine rookie prospects in RB Sam Cunningham, WR Darryl Stingley and offensive lineman John Hannah.

WEAKNESSES: Defense; running attack; offensive guards; worry that Plunkett may not regain his confidence for a while.

The 3-11 record posted by the Patriots last season is bad enough but it's even worse when you consider that the Pats started out by splitting their

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
51	Acks, Ron	LB	6-2	214	28	6	Illinois
85	Adams, Julius	DT	6-3	260	25	3	Texas Southern
61	Adams, Sam	G	6-3	252	24	2	Prairie View
31	Ashton, Josh	RB	6-1	205	24	2	Tulsa
65	Baños, Willie	G	6-2	250	27	3	Alcorn A&M
82	Beer, Tom	TE	6-3	235	28	7	Houston
88	Berger, Ron	DE	6-9	285	27	5	Wayne State
49	Blanchard, Dick	LB	6-3	225	24	2	Tulsa
27	Bolton, Ron	CB	6-2	180	23	2	Norfolk State
45	Bryant, Hubie	WR	5-10	168	27	4	Minnesota
41	Carwell, Larry	CB	6-1	181	29	7	Iowa State
63	Cash, Rick	DT	6-5	248	28	5	Northeast Missouri
—	Chandler, Edgar	LB	6-3	222	27	6	Georgia
55	Cindrich, Ralph	LB	6-1	228	23	2	Pittsburgh
14	Dowling, Brian	QB	6-2	210	26	2	Yale
7	Gogolak, Charlie	K	5-10	170	28	7	Princeton
25	Harris, Rickie	S	5-11	182	30	9	Arizona
23	Hoey, George	CB	5-10	170	24	3	Michigan
29	Jackson, Honor	S	6-1	195	24	2	Pacific
24	Johnson, Daryl	CB	5-11	190	27	4	Morgan State
52	Kadziel, Ron	LB	6-4	230	24	2	Stanford
67	Lenkaitis, Bill	G	6-4	255	27	6	Penn State
50	Lyman, Jeff	LB	6-2	230	23	2	Brigham Young
40	Maitland, Jack	RB	6-2	211	25	4	Williams
35	Matthews, Henry	RB	6-3	203	24	2	Michigan State
71	May, Arthur	DE	6-3	245	24	2	Tuskegee
28	McMahon, Art	S	6-0	190	27	5	North Carolina State
56	Morris, Jon	C	6-4	254	31	10	Holy Cross
77	Neville, Tom	T	6-4	260	30	9	Mississippi State
44	Outlaw, John	CB	5-10	180	28	5	Jackson State
—	Patrick, Wayne	LB	6-1	246	27	6	Tulsa
16	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	220	25	3	Stanford
74	Reynolds, Bob	T	6-5	265	34	11	Bowling Green
21	Reynolds, Tom	WR	6-3	200	24	2	San Diego State
76	Rowe, Dave	DT	6-7	280	28	7	Penn State
33	Rucker, Reggie	WR	6-2	195	25	4	Boston U.
26	Scott, Clarence	S	6-2	186	29	5	Morgan State
60	St. Jean, Len	G	5-11	250	31	10	Northern Michigan
2	Studstill, Pat	P—WR	6-0	175	35	12	Houston
36	Tarver, John	RB	6-3	227	24	2	Colorado
18	Vataha, Randy	WR	5-10	176	24	3	Stanford
12	Walker, Mike	K	6-0	190	23	2	None
42	Webb, Don	S	5-10	195	34	12	Iowa State
66	Weisacosky, Ed	LB	6-0	220	29	7	Miami
87	White, Jim	DE	6-3	256	23	2	Colorado State
86	Windsor, Bob	TE	6-4	220	30	7	Kentucky
70	Wirgowski, Dennis	DE	6-5	257	25	4	Purdue

first four games. New coach Chuck Fairbanks is going to have his hands full sorting through this mess.

The offense is built around a young quarterback who was worse as a sophomore than he was as a rookie. Jim Plunkett must be given a boost of confidence. He threw more passes than any AFC quarterback except John Hadl last season and all he had to show for it were 8 TDs. His 25 interceptions stood out like a sore thumb and he may have been a little shell-shocked by the Patriots' habit of letting opposing linemen get to their quarterback. Last season, the Pats' QBs were caught behind the line 44 times for 452 yards in losses. But Plunkett is a cooperative young man whose head is screwed on the right way. He'll have Bill Nelsen, a onetime brainy quarterback at Cleveland, as his coach.

Plunkett may look like the least of Fairbanks' problems—relative to the other ones, that is. The defense was dead last in the NFL after its creditable middle-of-the-pack showing in 1971. The running back jobs are up for grabs. The kicking game is unsettled. Rookies and second-year men (New England carried 10 rookies last season) will be in important roles.

It may be a long first year for Fairbanks.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The one positive step made by the Patriots last season is that they improved their receiving corps, even if Jim was being bear-hugged by opposing tackles as the receivers ran their patterns. Reggie Rucker (44 catches) is a solid pro now. Randy Vataha (25) has a great rapport with his old college buddy, Plunkett. Tom Reynolds, the rookie last season, shows a lot of promise (he caught only 8 balls but went for 152 yards and 2 TDs). Rookie Darryl Stingley has to be considered, too. Tight end Bob Windsor, acquired from San Francisco, made it big at tight end, catching 33 throws.

The running back situation is about as bad as the receiving situation is good. Sam (Bam) Cunningham, who did the blocking at Southern Cal for Tony Davis, is a rookie of enormous promise and will probably be handed the ball often. Even if he doesn't gain a lot of yards, he may prolong Plunkett's career with his blocking. Carl Garrett is gone. Two 1972 rookies, Josh Ashton and John Tarver, and Wayne Patrick (picked up from Buffalo), will challenge Cunningham or be paired with him. Ashton actually outgained Garrett in rushing a year ago, so he may have the edge. Watch for the Pats to give rookies Charlie Davis of Alcorn A&M and Condie Pugh of Norfolk State (a real sleeper) a shot.

OFFENSIVE LINE: John Hannah, the 270-pound All-America from Alabama, will probably fit in somewhere, probably at guard. Tom Neville and Sam Adams would then be the tackles, unless Bob Reynolds decides not to retire. Len St. Jean is the other guard with Bill Lenkaitis probably assigned to a reserve role. Jon Morris at center is easily the team's best lineman.

PATRIOTS' 1972 RECORD: WON 3, LOST 11

7	*Cincinnati	31	17	*Baltimore	24
21	*Atlanta	20	0	Miami	52
24	*Washington	23	24	*Buffalo	27
14	Buffalo	38	0	Baltimore	31
13	*New York Jets	41	21	*Miami	37
3	Pittsburgh	33	17	New Orleans	10
10	New York Jets	34	21	Denver	45

Total Patriot Pts.: 192 Total Opp. Pts.: 446 *Home Games

DEFENSIVE LINE: This is where assistant coach Hank Bullough, who molded defensive lines at Baltimore, could become a real hero. Unfortunately, he doesn't have much to work with other than Julius Adams who can play either tackle or end. Dennis Wirgowski, Jim White and Ron Berger are the other ends, Rick Cash and Dave Rowe the tackles. All of them have starting experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Ralph Cindrich, Ron Acks and Edgar Chandler, acquired from Buffalo, would seem to be the starters at linebacker, though Ron Kadziel and Dick Blanchard got some valuable experience as rookies.

The secondary picture is getting a little brighter now that Honor Jackson is beginning to shine at strong safety. Daryl Johnson, who gave the Pats some fine seasons, is coming out of retirement and could challenge the threesome of Larry Carwell, Ron Bolton and John Outlaw for the two CB positions. George Hoey, a little 170-pounder who can deadlift 505 pounds, is at the other safety, with veteran Rickie Harris in reserve. The Patriots only intercepted 10 passes last season.

SPECIALISTS: Charlie Gogolak and Mike Walker shared the kicking last season. This is a wait-see proposition despite Gogo's productivity (6 for 8 on field goals). Pat Studstill, the ex-Lion and Ram, is the punter. Rucker will return kicks along with Ashton but rookies Stingley and Pugh may figure in, too, now that Garrett is gone.

OUTLOOK: It's difficult to see the Patriots on the rise unless Buffalo, Baltimore and/or the New York Jets go into a complete tailspin. There's too much work to be done repairing the offensive line and the defensive wall.

THE PATRIOT STARS

HONOR JACKSON Safety No. 29
Pacific 6-1 195

2nd Year
Nov. 11, 1948



A wide receiver until last year . . . Came through the Dallas Cowboy system but didn't do much more than taxi there . . . Went to New England in 1971 . . . Pats got him on the ill-fated Duane Thomas trade . . . When he didn't make the club, he dropped out of football and returned to college . . . Then about halfway through 1972, he came into his own—as a strong safety . . . After gaining confidence in himself, he proved to be an outstanding leader despite his inexperience . . . He's the toughest hitter in the Pat secondary . . . Pushed veteran Rick Harris out of a starting job . . . One member of the Pats' front office says bluntly, "Honor is our best defensive player" . . . His 4 interceptions led the team . . . His 133 yards in runbacks (an average of over 33) also impressive.

JULIUS ADAMS Defensive Tackle-End No. 85
Texas Southern 6-3 260

3rd Year
April 26, 1948



Carving quite a niche for himself in New England . . . Played mostly defensive end last season after spending his rookie year at tackle . . . Missed three games with injuries . . . May wind up at either tackle or end this year as Chuck Fairbanks begins to rebuild the miserable Pat defense . . . Tackle is probably his best position . . . Was a surprise as a rookie because he did so well so quickly . . . Started for College All-Stars and then won a job right away in Beantown . . . Was a four-year starter in college and a Small College All-America . . . First man taken on second round of the draft . . . Made the All-Rookie team in the pros . . . Put on 25 pounds since college.

JON MORRIS Center No. 56
Holy Cross 6-4 255

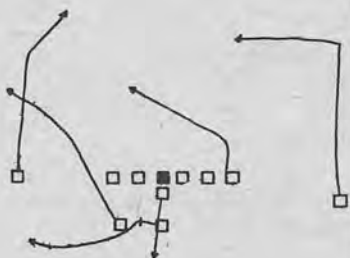
10th Year
April 5, 1942



Loves competition . . . Hasn't missed a game since he came into the pros . . . Even likes post-season All-Star games (he's been in seven of them) so he can get a first-hand look at NFCers whom he rarely sees, such as Lilly, Olsen, etc. . . . "You got to play them," he says. "That's the only way you get your own idea of who's best" . . . Ranks among the top four or five centers in the game . . . Co-captains his team . . . One of the bigger centers in pro football . . . Dislikes noisy linebackers: "The good ones just keep their mouths shut and play football. Football is meant to be played, not discussed" . . . A bright guy from Washington, D.C., who was English major in college . . . His father spells his first name John.

THE PATRIOTS' BIG PLAY

This was a favorite Plunkett-to-Vataha pass play last season. Vataha, on the left side, goes down and cuts toward the goalpost as other receivers veer into the area to occupy defenders.



JIM PLUNKETT Quarterback No. 16
Stanford 6-3 220

3rd Year
Dec. 5, 1947



The honeymoon ended at the start of his second year for this 1971 Rookie of the Year... Less TDs, more interceptions, more injuries... But he's still the golden boy who, by being drafted No. 1 in 1971, instigated a financial boom for Patriot stockholders, who saw their shares rise \$6 (for a total of \$1.5 million)... TD pass production fell off—from 19 as a rookie to 8 last year... He was intercepted 25 times, second worst figure in the NFL... He was dead last among 27 QBs who qualified for overall passing title... And then he hurt his knee, requiring off-season surgery... Pats figured one of his troubles was that he was planting his feet too close together, instead of the classic (left foot out) QB stance... But Jim's a realist... "I made mistakes. I have trouble reading defenses. I start reaching when things don't go right. I got a lot to learn. But you can't let the brooding get to you"

RANDY VATAHA Wide Receiver No. 18
Stanford 5-11 176

3rd Year
Dec. 4, 1948



Cut his receptions about in half, slumping from 51 to 25 in 1972... But still a dangerous threat... Averaged 14.8 yards a catch last year compared to 17 as a rookie... His 51 receptions in 1971 is a Patriot record... He says of sensational start, "I look back upon those 14 games and the whole thing is tough to grasp"... Was Plunkett's pet receiver for three years in college... Plunkett, in fact, recommended him to the

Patriot front office . . . They still use a few old makeshift Stanford plays in pro games . . . Randy points out: "It takes Jim and I only three weeks to get on the same frequency after a layoff" because they've worked together so long . . . "A lot of what I've done so far in the pros can be credited to Randy," Plunkett said when he was getting his Rookie of the Year award . . . Vataha's drawback is size .

REGGIE RUCKER Wide Receiver No. 33
Boston University 6-2 195

4th Year
Sept. 21, 1947



Went back to his adopted home of Boston and has been a contented man ever since . . . From Washington, D.C., but attended Boston U. and fell in love with the town . . . "The Patriots were the team I always wanted to play for, so I'm pleased to finally be here" he said after his arrival . . . In 1971, he played for three different teams (Dallas, New York Giants, New England) within five weeks, catching passes in league games for each club . . . New England passed him up in the original draft year, figuring he might go pro in baseball . . . Cowboys got him and used him to fill in for Lance Rentzel in 1970 . . . But he became expendable when the Dallas team acquired Lance Alworth and Gloster Richardson . . . He hit his peak in 1972 by catching 44 passes to finish eighth in the AFC . . . Sixth in the league in yardage gained by aials—with 681, including a 62-yarder . . . Scored 3 TDs.

TOP ROOKIES

JOHN HANNAH Guard-Tackle 6-2 270

Alabama

First of Pats' three first-round choices . . . Fourth man taken in draft . . . Should be immediate starter . . . Three-sport letterman who threw the shot over 61 feet and went unbeaten one year in wrestling . . . Three-time All-SEC in football . . . Father played pro ball for the Giants . . . Bear Bryant says, "John is the finest offensive lineman I've ever coached."

SAM CUNNINGHAM Running Back 6-3 220

Southern Cal

Scored 4 TDs in last year's Rose Bowl game after spending most of his season as a blocking back . . . Carried only 337 times as three-year starter at USC, but gained 1,600 yards for 4.8-yard average . . . Can catch passes too . . . Scored 25 TDs, which shows his reliability near the goal line . . . Could be a Franco Harris-type surprise package.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"While there is a lot to learn about professional football," says Chuck Fairbanks, who never played or coached pro ball before, "I do know something about winning. And I know something about people. This is a people business. My approach is to create a whole team of winners—from the office to the playing field."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Hannah, John, G, Alabama; Cunningham, Sam, RB, So. California; Stingley, Darryl, WR, Purdue; Dusek, Brad, DB, Texas A&M; Davis, Charles, RB, Alcorn A&M; Gallaher, Allen, T, So. California; Dumler, Doug, C, Nebraska; Brown, Isaac, RB, Western Kentucky; Callaway, David, T, Texas A&M; Ruster, Dan, DB, Oklahoma; May, Homer, TE, Texas A&M; Barnes, Bruce, P, UCLA; Lowry, Alan, DB, Texas; Hamilton, Raymond, LB, Oklahoma; Pugh, Condie, RB, Norfolk State; Kutter, Mike, DE, Concordia; McAshan, Eddie, QB-DB, Georgia Tech.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			N.E.	Opp.
July 28 (Sat.)	San Francisco (Canton, O.)	4:00	—	—
Aug. 5 (Sun.)	OAKLAND	8:30	—	—
Aug. 12 (Sun.)	NEW YORK GIANTS	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	at Atlanta	8:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	at New Orleans	8:00	—	—
Sept. 2 (Sun.)	WASHINGTON	8:30	—	—
Sept. 7 (Fri.)	at Detroit	8:00	—	—

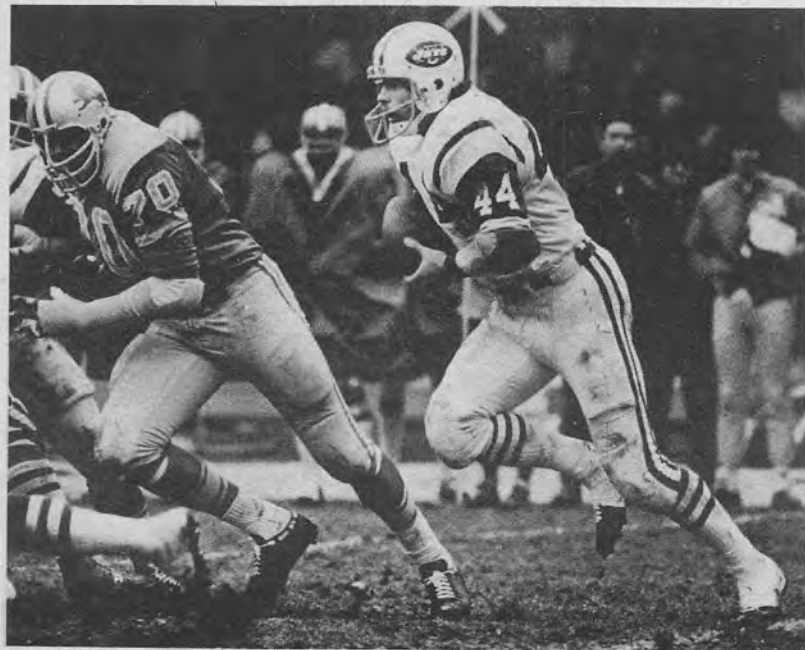
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Sept. 16 (Sun.)	BUFFALO	1:00	—	—
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Oct. 14 (Sun.)	at New York Jets	1:00	—	—
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Oct. 28 (Sun.)	MIAMI	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at Philadelphia	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	NEW YORK JETS	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	GREEN BAY	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	at Houston	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	SAN DIEGO	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	at Buffalo	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	2:00	—	—

NEW YORK JETS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Philip H. Iselin; Gen. Mgr. and Coach: Weeb Ewbank; Asst. Coaches: Charley Winner, Buddy Ryan, C. W. Hewgley, Mike Holovak, Ken Shipp, Ed Biles; Trainer: Jeff Snedeker; Office: 595 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022; Stadium: Shea (60,000); Colors: Kelly Green and White; Training Camp: Hofstra U., Hempstead, N.Y.



John Riggins cuts toward an opening but Detroit's Larry Woods (70) is veering into his path. Jets should rev up their rushing in 1973.

SCOUTING REPORT

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1972 RECORD: Won 7, Lost 7

STRENGTHS: Passing game with Namath healthy; rushing; place kicking; good kick returners; veteran offensive line.

WEAKNESSES: Passing game with Namath unhealthy; defensive picture muddled everywhere except at tackle.

NEW YORK JETS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

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1	Adamle, Mike	RB	5-9	197	23	3	Northwestern
82	Arthur, Gary	TE	6-5	230	25	3	Miami, Ohio
62	Atkinson, Al	LB	6-2	230	30	9	Villanova
51	Baker, Ralph	LB	6-3	228	31	10	Penn State
83	Barkum, Jerome	WR	6-3	215	23	2	Jackson State
7	Bell, Ed	WR	5-10	160	26	4	Idaho State
40	Bjorklund, Hank	RB	6-1	200	23	2	Princeton
32	Boozer, Emerson	RB	5-11	195	30	8	Md.—Eastern Shore
88	Caster, Richard	TE	6-5	228	24	4	Jackson State
56	Crane, Paul	LB-C	6-2	212	29	8	Alabama
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55	Ebersole, John	LB	6-3	227	24	4	Penn State
80	Elliott, John	DT	6-4	244	28	7	Texas
19	Farasopoulos, Chris	S	5-11	190	24	3	Brigham Young
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36	Harkey, Steve	RB	6-0	215	24	3	Georgia Tech
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33	Hicks, W. K.	S	6-1	198	31	10	Texas Southern
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48	Hollomon, Gus	S	6-3	195	27	6	Houston
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45	Thomas, Earlie	CB	6-1	190	27	4	Colorado State
87	Thompson, Steve	DT	6-5	237	28	5	Washington
29	Turner, Rocky	WR	6-0	190	23	2	Tenn—Chattanooga
27	Wise, Phil	S	6-0	190	24	3	Nebraska—Omaha
18	Woodall, Al	QB	6-5	205	27	5	Duke
53	Zapalac, Bill	DE-LB	6-4	225	25	3	Texas

Weeb Ewbank's final year as a coach in pro football brings about an end of an era in the National Football League for the first and only man who won world championships with two different teams. His son-in-law, Charley Winner, takes over for him in 1974. Weeb will need some coaching feats to upend Miami in the AFC East. His Jets were second a year ago, but they were miles behind Miami.

Actually, in yards not miles, the Jets were closer to Miami than anyone offensively. Jet Joe Namath's total offense was second only to the Dolphins among all 26 NFL teams, which was a pretty good consolation prize for a club that didn't make the playoffs. Namath, who made it through the season unmarked by injury, passed the Jets to the top of the AFC in aerial offense.

But the Jets' defense was shoddy. And it's hard to believe that the club can straighten out all of its problems by kickoff time come September. The only stable point on defense is at tackle, where John Elliott and Larry Little are impregnable. But even there, Elliott has been hampered by injuries in the past two campaigns.

On offense, of course, there's always the possibility of another injury to the always-vulnerable Namath.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Namath unloaded bombs last season. Some people selected him as the All-Pro quarterback. Statistically he ranked 14th among NFL passers, which wasn't much. But he did gain 8.7 yards a throw, which was almost as good as the ancient league-leader, Earl Morrall. The main thing about Namath is that he can bunch together a lot of yardage and pull off a spectacular upset, no matter who the Jets are playing. But he hasn't been that great consistently, no matter what anyone on Madison Avenue says.

Jet Joe is blessed with some fine receivers, particularly Rich Caster who can hold his own against any tight end when it comes to grabbing a ball out of the air. If Jerome Barkum, the young wide receiver with so much promise, develops quickly, Jet Joe will have two speedy targets. As it stands now at WR, Eddie Bell, small but competent, and Don Maynard, the busiest pass-catcher in history, give Namath adequate help.

John Riggins and Emerson Boozer, the regular running backs (Matt Snell is officially retired), are also good receivers. But they shine as runners. Indeed, a year ago, the Jets were 13th among 26 teams in rushing, which is darned good considering how much they threw the ball. Clifford McClain is a strong backup. Mike Adamle (who came to the team at a costly price, traded straight up for Gerry Philbin) is another good reserve.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Tackles Winston Hill and Bob Svihus, guards Dave Herman and Randy Rasmussen and center John Schmitt are like money in the bank. No problem there.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Rich Neal, who comes from the New Orleans Saints, is expected to fill the place of the traded Gerry Philbin. That's no easy task. Mark Lomas and Ed Galigher will battle it out at the weakside end.

JETS' 1972 RECORD: WON 7, LOST 7

41	Buffalo	24	17	*Washington	35
44	Baltimore	34	41	*Buffalo	3
20	Houston	26	24	Miami	28
17	*Miami	27	20	Detroit	37
41	New England	13	18	*New Orleans	17
24	*Baltimore	20	16	Oakland	24
34	*New England	10	10	*Cleveland	26

Total Jet Pts.: 367 Total Opp. Pts.: 324 *Home Games

John Elliott is a fine player at tackle and John Little holds his own on the other side of the line. John Mooring can play either tackle or end so he makes a fine replacement. But the Jets are in trouble on the line.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Four linebackers and six defensive backs equal 10 players. And 10 into 7 (positions) won't go. A year ago, the Jets finished dead last among all NFL teams in pass defense, an area blamed mostly on the backfield. Overall on defense, the Jets were 22nd among 26 teams, and a large portion of that fault lies with the backfield, too.

The Jets have four linebackers. Ralph Baker, Larry Grantham and Al Atkinson used to work well as a unit. But they are getting old. All are 30 or more. Young Mike Taylor shows some promise both in the middle and on the flanks. He should be a regular in 1973.

Steve Tannen, W.K. Hicks, Earlie Thomas, Delles Howell and Burgess Owens (a rookie) are vying for two cornerback jobs. Tannen may also be a safety as could some of the others. The safety positions were manned by Chris Farasopoulos and Phil Wise. They may be replaced. The Jets' defensive backfield is in for a reshuffling, obviously.

SPECIALISTS: Farasopoulos is a fine kick returner. The other kick returners are still a question mark, though Adamle may help. Bobby Howfield can really kick the ball, both on field goals and kickoffs. But punter Steve O'Neal is in a precarious position.

OUTLOOK: The Jets will look like the Miami Dolphins sometimes on offense but never on defense. New York should aim at second place and a wild-card playoff berth.

THE JET STARS

JOE NAMATH Quarterback No. 12
Alabama 6-2 195

9th Year
May 31, 1943



Had a good year in something besides commercials in 1972... Was dropping the bombs like the old Joe Willie... Staying free of injury, he made All-NFL by Pro Football Weekly and was UPI's All-AFC passer... In the year of the running back, he led the league in passing yardage with 2,816... Tossed 324 passes in all, 19 for TDs... He was at his best in bunching the yardage... He got 496 on only 15 completions against Baltimore!... He had 403 against Oakland... Only two other QBs ever had a pair of 400-yard games in a single season... Namath almost got the Jets back into championship circle with his effort against Oakland, but it was in vain... "All you can do is give it your best shot," he said. "All we can do now is get ourselves back together for next year"... "Next years" have always been questionable for Namath but he goes into 1973 healthier than he's been in a long time... Bob Griese evaluated the 1972 Namath by saying, "On a good day, he's going to have a picnic. He can probably throw the ball better than anyone has ever thrown it"... He has a lifetime completion rate of 50.1%.

JOHN RIGGINS Running Back No. 44
Kansas 6-2 233

3rd Year
Aug. 4, 1949



The Jets' Most Valuable Player in his second year... He fell just 4 yards short of Matt Snell's team-rushing record and 56 short of the magic 1,000 mark... May have topped both if it hadn't been for an odd shoulder injury late in the season... He carried 207 times for 944 yards, a 4.6-yard average and 7 TDs... Was over the 100 mark in three games during 1972... Gained 769 yards rushing as a yearling... Best day of all was against New England when he rolled for 168... That was second-best ever by a Jet... His 32 carries that day equaled the team record... A smalltown boy who says "Stardom to me meant being the best ballplayer at Centralia (Kan.) High School"... Others predict loftier heights for him... "Riggins is younger and has more speed than Larry Csonka," says Miami coach Don Shula. "He certainly will be a great one"... He also is a fine pass catcher, having led the Jets as a rookie... Last season, he caught 21... One was a 67-yard TD sprint.

THE JETS' BIG PLAY

A crossing pattern between the TE and the flanker is the key to this play. TE Caster loops outside, drawing the strong safety with him, while Don Maynard cuts to the inside to take the cornerback. Thus, Caster can go outside against the safety, one-on-one. Should Caster still be covered, Joe Namath can look to Maynard cutting downfield over the middle.



EMERSON BOOZER Running Back No. 32
Maryland-Eastern Shore 5-11 195

8th Year
July 4, 1943



Figures highly again in Jets' plans now that Matt Snell is gone for good... Em gained 549 yards (4.6 a carry) last season... He also caught 11 passes for 142 more yards... His 14 TDs (11 rushing, 3 receiving) led the team... Actually, Boozer has been an important figure in Jets' scheme since his rookie year... He was hurt badly (severe knee injury) in 1967 but made a comeback by Super Bowl time... "Injuries inspire me more," he says.

"My knee injury happened when I was young. I had myself convinced I could grow another leg to replace the injured one"... He ranks sixth on the list of active career rushers, having lugged the ball 936 times for 3,690 yards... He has 45 TDs on the ground and 8 more on passes... He'll play for several more years if he can... "Having had a taste of pro ball, I don't want it to end soon"... Has a daily radio show in New York and would like a career in radio or television.

BOBBY HOWFIELD Kicker No. 3
No college 5-9 180

6th Year
Dec. 3, 1936



His idea of a birthday present for himself was to kick a winning 42-yard field goal as time was running out to beat New Orleans, 18-17... It was his sixth three-pointer of the day... His others were for 30, 39, 31, 23 and 33 yards... After the game he was his unshakeable self... "I wasn't excited," he said. "I probably won't get excited until I have my first beer tonight"... Bobby's mother, a 75-year-old, was in the stands that day for her

first American football game... He's from England where he played professional soccer before being picked up by Denver... Had come to New York in 1971 in straightup trade for Jets' kicker Jim Turner... 1971

wasn't very good for him and he worried about losing his job before the 1972 season began . . . "Maybe if I have a .750 percentage on field goals I won't have to worry," he remarked on the eve of the regular season . . . He came close to that, kicking 73%, and he won't have to worry . . . The 42-yarder was his longest of the season as he connected on 27 of 37 . . . He's a fine kickoff man, too, which is one of the reasons the Jets swapped the popular Turner for him.

RICH CASTER Tight End No. 88

Jackson State 6-5 228

4th Year

Oct. 16, 1948



With all the talk of zone defenses in recent years, here's the man to go to when you want to beat it . . . Example: In 1972 against the Baltimore Colts, who are supposed to have one of the best zones, Rich caught passes for 204 yards . . . Two passes of 79 and 80 yards in the fourth quarter helped . . . Caster is probably the fastest tight end in football, having run legit 4.5 clockings . . . He says he's faster than Oakland's Raymond Chester, his top competitor for the distinction . . . Caster had 39 catches in 1972 . . . His 10 TDs and 21.4-yards-per-catch led the AFC receivers . . . No AFC player since 1969 had eaten up as much as 200 yards after catches in a single game . . . "Caster is the guy who opened up our whole offense," says Ken Meyer, a Jet assistant coach.

JOHN ELLIOTT Defensive Tackle No. 80

Texas 6-4 244

7th Year

Oct. 26, 1944



A top-flight tackle who has been having his troubles in the past couple of seasons because of injuries . . . Played in only four games in 1971 and missed another in 1972 . . . "The good Lord gave me five good years in the pros," he said. "I figure now I've got to start paying for them. But I hope I can play another five or six years" . . . A tough guy from the Texas farm country who was earning money by carrying 100-pound sacks of feed at age 12 . . . He returns to his ranch in off-season . . . Then was criticized for clobbering Houston's Dan Pastorini . . . But he says it wasn't intentional: "I don't want to hurt anyone. I've had two or three operations myself so I know what they're like."

TOP ROOKIE

BURGESS OWENS Defensive Back 6-1 195

Miami

Scouting reports of the Jets say, "He'll start for whomever drafts him" . . . Which the Jets did—their top pick . . . Jet staff impressed with Owens in the Senior Bowl game . . . Was an All-America on the Time and Sporting News lists, both of which pick on the basis of pro potential . . . Had 8 interceptions, 160 tackles and 3 fumble recoveries during his career at Miami . . . Also returns punts.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"We can continue to get the yardage and the scoring on offense," says Weeb Ewbank, who is bowing out after bringing a ragtag team to respectability. "But we've got to upgrade our defense if we are going to think about the playoffs."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Owens, Burgess, DB, Miami; Woods, Robert, T, Tennessee State; Ferguson, Bill, LB, San Diego State; Bannon, Bruce, LB, Penn State; Roach, Travis, G, Texas; Harrell, Rick, C, Clemson; Haggard, Mike, WR, South Carolina; Seifert, Rick, DB, Ohio State; Spicer, Robin, LB, Indiana; Carbone, Joe, LB, Delaware; Krempin, James, T, Texas A&I; Knight, David, WR, William & Mary; Puetz, Gary, T, Valparaiso; Parrish, Robert, DT, Duke; Schwartz, Joe, RB, Toledo; Williams, Mahlon, TE, N. Carolina Central; Cerwinski, John, T, Bowling Green; Foote, Jim, P, Delaware Valley.

NEW YORK JETS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			N.Y.	Opp.
Aug. 3 (Fri.)	at Houston	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	San Francisco (Tampa)	8:00	—	—
Aug. 19 (Sun.)	N.Y. Giants (New Haven)	2:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	at St. Louis	7:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	at New Orleans	8:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	Philadelphia (Tampa)	8:00	—	—

NEW YORK JETS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			N.Y.	Opp.
Sept. 17 (Mon.)	at Green Bay (Mil)	8:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	2:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	at Buffalo	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	MIAMI	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	NEW ENGLAND	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	PITTSBURGH	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	DENVER	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at Miami	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at New England	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at Cincinnati	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	ATLANTA	4:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	BALTIMORE	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	at Philadelphia	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	BUFFALO	1:00	—	—

OAKLAND RAIDERS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Managing General Partner: Al Davis; Coach: John Madden; Asst. Coaches: Tom Dahms, Oliver Spencer, Bob Zeman, Paul Roach, Tom Flores, Don Shinnick; Trainer: George Anderson; Office: 7811 Oakport St., Oakland, Calif. 94621; Stadium: Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum (54,041); Colors: Silver and Black.



Oakland's Phil Villapiano latches onto Green Bay's MacArthur Lane shredding his jersey. Phil, 24, is part of a young Raider defense.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC WEST: Denver (3)*, Kansas City (2), Oakland (1), San Diego (4).
*1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 10, Lost 3, Tied 1

STRENGTHS: Strong offense, both passing and running; fine receivers; tough offensive line; overall experience; winning tradition.

WEAKNESSES: Some of the stars (Blanda, Jim Otto, Ben Davidson, Willie Brown) are getting up in years; kicking game may need help.

Simple mathematics point out the fine job that youthful John Madden has done with the Oakland Raiders. He has had four consecutive winners, a 38-12-6 record overall, and three conference champions since he was named coach in 1969. He is now only 37 years old.

What makes Madden tick is his own ability to sort through a wealth of talent called a football team and put the right combination together. This isn't easy in Oakland, where there has been a history of front-office

OAKLAND RAIDERS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
27	Allen, Jackie	S	6-1	190	25	5	Baylor
43	Atkinson, George	S	6-0	180	26	6	Morris Brown
40	Banaszak, Pete	RB	5-11	210	29	8	Miami
25	Biletnikoff, Fred	WR	6-1	190	30	9	Florida State
16	Blanda, George	QB—K	6-2	215	45	24	Kentucky
21	Branch, Cliff	WR	5-11	170	25	2	Colorado ✓
76	Brown, Bob	T	6-4	280	31	10	Nebraska — ✓
24	Brown, Willie	CB	6-1	195	32	11	Grambling
64	Buehler, George	G	6-2	260	26	5	Stanford
—	Calland, Lee	CB	6-0	190	32	11	Louisville
51	Carroll, Joe	LB	6-1	220	23	2	Pittsburgh
87	Chester, Ray	TE	6-3	225	25	4	Morgan State
84	Cline, Tony	DE	6-3	244	25	4	Miami
55	Connors, Dan	LB	6-1	230	31	10	Miami
50	Dalby, Dave	C	6-2	240	22	2	UCLA
83	Davidson, Ben	DE	6-8	280	33	12	Washington
28	Davis, Clarence	RB	5-10	195	24	3	Southern California
10	Denson, Al	WR	6-2	212	31	9	Florida A&M
4	DePoyster, Jerry	K	6-1	200	27	4	Wyoming
72	Ferguson, Gene	T	6-8	300	25	4	Norfolk State
32	Highsmith, Don	RB	6-0	210	25	4	Michigan State
44	Hubbard, Marv	RB	6-1	225	27	5	Colgate
86	Irons, Gerald	LB	6-2	230	26	4	Md.—Eastern Shore
82	Jones, Horace	DE	6-3	255	24	3	Louisville
74	Keating, Tom	DT	6-2	247	31	9	Michigan
56	Koegel, Warren	C	6-3	260	23	2	Penn State
3	Lamonica, Daryle	QB	6-3	215	32	11	Notre Dame
42	Maxwell, Tom	S	6-2	195	26	5	Texas A&M
54	Mendenhall, Terry	LB	6-1	210	24	3	San Diego State
77	Mix, Ron	T	6-4	250	35	12	Southern California
88	Moore, Bob	TE	6-3	220	24	3	Stanford
34	Otto, Gus	LB	6-1	220	29	9	Missouri ✓
00	Otto, Jim	C	6-2	255	35	14	Miami
53	Purnell, Jim	LB	6-2	238	31	9	Illinois
47	Queen, Jeff	RB—TE	6-1	217	27	5	Morgan State
65	Seiler, Paul	C—T	6-4	260	27	5	Notre Dame
78	Shell, Art	T	6-5	265	26	6	Md.—Eastern Shore
49	Siani, Mike	WR	6-2	195	23	2	Villanova
60	Sistrunk, Otis	DT	6-4	255	26	2	None
45	Slough, Greg	LB	6-3	230	26	3	Southern California
23	Smith, Charlie	RB	6-0	205	27	6	Utah
12	Stabler, Ken	QB	6-3	215	27	4	Alabama
66	Sullivan, Dan	G	6-3	250	33	12	Boston College
31	Tatum, Jack	S	5-11	200	24	3	Ohio State
26	Thomas, Alonzo	CB—S	6-1	205	23	2	Southern California
80	Thoms, Art	DT	6-5	260	26	5	Syracuse
63	Upshaw, Gene	G	6-5	255	28	7	Texas A&I ✓
73	Vanoy, Vernon	DT	6-8	275	26	4	Kansas
75	Vella, John	T	6-4	255	23	2	Southern California
41	Villapiano, Phil	LB	6-1	222	24	3	Bowling Green
20	Warren, Jimmy	CB—S	5-11	175	34	10	Illinois
48	Wilson, Nemiah	CB	6-0	165	30	9	Grambling

problems and a hodge-podge of personalities. But Madden has stuck to the business at hand: winning games. A year ago, Miami, Pittsburgh and Washington got most of the publicity in the NFL. Yet Miami was the only team in the game with fewer losses than Oakland. Madden isn't the kind of guy who hunts headlines, a fact of life that may prolong his own life in Oakland, where Managing General Partner (and some say a "part-time general") Al Davis bathes in ink.

Madden's stickiest problem will be to untangle the quarterback situation and get the most out of Daryle Lamonica. Daryle is one of those QBs who has been around long enough to be a target of the boobirds. With Ken Stabler waiting in the wings (though Daryle is only 32) and George Blanda constantly reliving past glories as a relief passer, Lamonica will remain under the gun. But he can explode and the Raiders wouldn't be the same without him.

Madden must also patch up the defense that allowed 248 points last season. But that figure is a bit misleading; compared to Miami's 171 it looks bad but compared to the rest of the AFC, it's below the AFC average of 292 and better than the point yield of any other AFC West team.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Lamonica, who averaged over 20 TD passes a year as Oakland's QB the past six years, has the job to lose. He gets a lot of help from his receivers. Fred Biletnikoff is the most productive pass-catcher in the game and Raymond Chester is the equal of any tight end. They caught 58 and 34 passes, respectively, in 1972. Wide receiver Mike Siani caught 28, as did running back Charlie Smith. The top rusher, Marv Hubbard, snared 22. That's what you call balance. Behind them the talent thins out, so the Raiders must avoid injury. But WR Cliff Branch and TE Bob Moore could help in case of emergency.

The rushing game is in the competent hands of Hubbard, who gained over 1,000 yards and Smith, who had 686. Don't be surprised if Clarence Davis, a third-year man without too much size, gets more calls. Don Highsmith, Pete Banaszak and Jeff Queen are in reserve.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Last year the Raiders attacked with the same five men up front—venerable Jim Otto at center, Gene Upshaw and George Buehler at guards, Art Shell and Bob Brown at tackles. All except Buehler are All-Star types. Upshaw, Otto and Shell played in the Pro Bowl. It was the first time in memory that Oakland started the same five men all year long. Now Dan Sullivan, coming in a trade with Baltimore, fortifies the guards. Paul Seiler and two talented youngsters, John Vella and Warren Koegel, are also available.

RAIDERS' 1972 RECORD: WON 10, LOST 3, TIED 1

28	Pittsburgh	34	14	Kansas City	27
20	Green Bay	14	20	Cincinnati	14
17	*San Diego	17	37	Denver	20
34	Houston	0	26	*Kansas City	3
28	*Buffalo	16	21	San Diego	19
23	*Denver	30	24	*New York Jets	16
45	*Los Angeles	17	28	*Chicago	21

Total Raider Pts.: 365 Total Opp. Pts.: 248 *Home Games

POST-SEASON GAME

Pittsburgh 13, Oakland 7 (AFC Divisional Playoff)

DEFENSIVE LINE: It's young. Ex-All-Pros like Tom Keating and Ben Davidson will watch from the bench as ends Horace Jones and Tony Cline and tackles Art Thoms and Otis Sistrunk perform. Last year this quartet gave up only nine TDs rushing and 14 passing. No one wants to break up that good a combination.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Monte Johnson, a rookie out of Nebraska, will be tested as an eventual linebacker to join Phil Villapiano and Gerald Irons, two other youngsters. But for now, he'll have to contend with veteran Dan Conners. Gus Otto is also available, having held a regular job for most of eight years.

The Raiders blend experience and youth in their deep secondary, with Willie Brown (11-year vet) and Nemiah Wilson (ninth year) at the corners and George Atkinson (ninth year) and Jack Tatum (third year) at safeties. The safeties made 16 interceptions a year ago. Jim Warren is the most experienced reserve.

SPECIALISTS: George Blanda has averaged over 100 points a year as a kicker in the past six years. But the Raiders made Ray Guy of Southern Mississippi their No. 1 draft choice. Guy may help immediately as a punter and kickoff man. The Raiders weren't too happy with Jerry DePoyster's so-so boots.

OUTLOOK: The Raiders know how to swing through the first door to the playoffs. But it will take Lamonica to unlock the championship door.

THE RAIDER STARS

MARV HUBBARD Running Back No. 44
Colgate 6-1 225

5th Year
May 7, 1946



The bruising Hubbard said he had a strange feeling after he was chosen for the Pro Bowl team after the 1971 season . . . "When I got to the game, it dawned upon me: 'Hey, you're among the 80 best there is. Do you think you belong there?'" . . . Apparently he did because they invited him back for the game after the 1972 season . . . In fact, Marv scored the TD that put the AFC into the lead for good . . . Hubbard gained 867 yards in 1971, then blasted for 1,100 in 1972 . . . He was third in the AFC each season . . . Last season's efforts earned him the Raiders' all-time rushing record—one more than Clem Daniels' total in 1963 . . . A punishing type of runner, he averaged 5.0 yards a try . . . Hubbard, cut by Oakland in 1968, played minor-league ball, made a comeback on special teams, then got going in 1971 . . . He thinks he's still improving: "I tried for more quickness instead of power to get past linemen in 1972."

DARYLE LAMONICA Quarterback No. 3
Notre Dame 6-3 215

11th Year
July 17, 1941



Has averaged about 2 TD passes a game over the past six years: what quarterbacking is all about . . . Had 18 in 1972, more than he threw in 1971, despite the Raiders' game-plan to emphasize the run . . . During one three-year period (1967-69), Lamonica was the hottest quarterback in pro football history with 89 scoring passes . . . Neither Namath, Unitas nor anyone else has come close to that figure in a three-year stretch . . . "I feel I'm Oakland's style of quarterback because we elongate our patterns," he explains. "You have to stand back there under pressure and wait till the last second. You take some licks. It's mental discipline" . . . With Lamonica handling the chores for most of the past six years, the Raiders have been 53-13-3 . . . Ranked second in 1972 among AFC quarterbacks and his 18 TD throws were bettered only by Namath . . . Completed 53% of his throws.

BOB BROWN Offensive Tackle No. 76
Nebraska 6-4 280

10th Year
Dec. 8, 1941



Top vote getter when AFC sportswriters picked the best offensive tackles . . . All-Pro six times . . . It was a good comeback because he had missed five weeks of the 1971 season after surgery . . . He was injured again in 1972 during an altercation with Deacon Jones. He came out of the game with a broken hand . . . His explanation: "I think I punched him in the face mask" . . . Says he: "My philosophy is not to accept blows but to deliver them" . . . "Prestige and that (championship) ring don't excite me, but the

THE RAIDERS' BIG PLAY

Fred Biletnikoff is neither fast nor evasive but he makes good use of Oakland patterns such as this. Here he lines up wide on the right side, goes straight down, then cuts to the middle. With defenders busy on the left and the right, he is usually open for the pass over the middle.



\$25,000 you earn in the Super Bowl does"... He has a Ferrari, a Maserati, a Bentley, a Lamborghini and a few Cadillacs in his stable.

RAYMOND CHESTER Tight End No. 87

Morgan State 6-3 225

4th Year

June 28, 1948



The perfect tight end... He's an excellent pass-catcher, a threat to go all the way (he scores on one of every five catches he makes) and an excellent blocker... Has been in the Pro Bowl in each of his three pro football years... Has pulled in 104 passes in three seasons for 22 TDs... A consistent player who has grabbed at least one pass in 40 of his 42 pro games... In 1972, he made 34 catches for 576 yards... His 8 TDs topped the Raider receivers... One of them was for 68 yards.

GENE UPSHAW Offensive Guard No. 63

Texas A&I 6-5 255

7th Year

Aug. 15, 1945



His sweeps are a beauty to behold... He's also cleaning up in the honors department because of them... Played in his third Pro Bowl last January and he's won all-league honors in each of the last six years... He also played in the old AFL's All-Star game in 1968... "Upshaw is so fast," an opponent once said, "that he seems like he could outrun his own ballcarriers"... He says he felt 1971 was his best year... But

he's not finished learning... "It really takes five years to learn the game—there are so many things to pick up. I'm faster now because I've learned to cheat getting off the snap"... As a blocker, he stays on his feet, trying to overpower one man so he can move into another... "If you throw your body, you're selling yourself out. If you can knock him down and still hold your feet, you can get somebody else. That's what happened on 3 TDs in 1972"... Gene's brother, Marv, is defensive end for the K.C. Chiefs.

JIM OTTO Center No. 00
Miami, Fla. 6-2 255

14th Year
Jan. 5, 1938



The living legend in the AFC... Has played in every game the Raiders have been in, 196 in all, since their beginning... Counting exhibitions, playoffs, etc. he's been in about 290 pro games... He was one of the original Raiders' first draft picks in 1959... Had knee surgery over the winter but the knee couldn't keep him out of games a year ago... No reason why it should now... Otto is the most honored player in the AFL/AFC

history, making every All-Star game (either AFL or Pro Bowl 12 times), including last January, that he has been eligible for... He was chosen to the All-Time All-AFL team when that league went out of existence... "I hurt my foot one time against Boston (Patriots)," he recalls. "I think it was in 1964 and I sat out the last quarter. But that's the most time I've ever missed in a league game."... One of the five original AFL players still active... Made the All-AFC team again in 1972.

FRED BILETNIKOFF Wide Receiver No. 25
Florida State 6-1 190

9th Year
Feb. 23, 1943



A great receiver, and even greater in the era of the zone defense... Little speed and not too tall, he outsmarts the opposition as well as any man in the game... Runs outstanding patterns... Led the AFC in receiving last season with 58... Jumped from 11th in 1970 to fourth in 1971 to second in 1972 among all-time active AFC receivers... He has 360 catches for 5,952 yards and 49 TDs in eight seasons of play... He'll only be 30 years old

going into the 1973 campaign... He's been the Raiders' top receiver for five straight seasons and the AFC's best for two... An All-Pro and highly honored player... Pro Bowl pick again... His best days in 1972 were a 6-for-94 yards effort against Houston and a 5-for-58 output against Chicago in Game No. 14 that wrapped up the pass-snagging title for him... "When running my patterns," he once explained, "I am able to get behind guys who have more speed because I challenge them before it becomes a matchup of speed."

TOP ROOKIE

RAY GUY Kicker 6-3 190

Southern Mississippi

Raiders figure even George Blanda can't play forever... So they made this fine kicker a first-round choice... He'll make it as a punter if nothing else... Booted 200 punts an average of 44.7 yards during college career, and had a 46.2-yard average as a senior... Made good on 25 of 59 field goal attempts... One of those was a 61-yarder against Utah State... Among his varied talents, he's an outstanding safety (18 interceptions in three years) and a fine baseball pitcher.

TIP FROM THE COACH

John Madden looks for changes in the style of defense in the upcoming years—and maybe right away. "Situation Substitution is going to be the next big change in defensive football," he says. "Situation Substitution is using different kinds of players on defense against the offense depending on the down-and-distance situation. For example, you're going to see more 210-pound linebackers and there's going to be a place for specialists on defense." He figures this juggling game may be to the advantage of a team with brains and depth—such as Oakland.

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Guy, William Ray, K-P, Southern Mississippi; Johnson, Monte, DT, Nebraska; Smith, Perry, DB, Colorado State; Wylie, Joe, WR, Oklahoma; Neal, Louis, WR, Prairie View; Mikolajczyk, Ron, T, Tampa; Myers, Brent, T, Purdue; Weaver, Gary, LB, Fresno State; Rae, Mike, QB, So. California; Sweeney, Steve, TE, California; Allen, Leo, RB, Tuskegee; List, Jerry, RB, Nebraska; Krapf, Jim, G-LB, Alabama; Polen, Bruce, DB, William Penn; Leffers, Dave, C, Vanderbilt; Gadlin, Jerry, WR, Wyoming; Ryan, Michael, G, So. California.

OAKLAND RAIDERS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Oak.	Opp.
Aug. 5 (Sun.)	at New England	8:30	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	DALLAS	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	Los Angeles (Berkeley)	1:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	Minnesota (Berkeley)	1:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	SAN FRANCISCO	8:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	at Buffalo	8:00	—	—

OAKLAND RAIDERS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Oak.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at Minnesota	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	MIAMI	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	at Kansas City	3:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at St. Louis	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	SAN DIEGO	1:00	—	—
Oct. 22 (Mon.)	at Denver	7:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	2:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	PITTSBURGH	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	at San Diego	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at Houston	1:00	—	—
Dec. 8 (Sat.)	KANSAS CITY	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	DENVER	1:00	—	—

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Arthur J. Rooney; Dir. of Player Personnel: Dick Haley; Coach: Chuck Noll; Asst. Coaches: Bud Carson, Bob Fry, Dick Hoak, Babe Parilli, George Perles, Lou Riecke, Lionel Taylor, Paul Uram, Woody Widenhofer; Trainer: Ralph Berlin; Office: 300 Stadium Circle, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212; Stadium: Three Rivers (50,350); Colors: Black and Gold; Training Camp: St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa.



Franco Harris is trapped and looks understandably dismayed. Mostly, though, this rookie dismayed foes as a runner and pass receiver.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC CENTRAL: Cincinnati (3)*, Cleveland (2), Houston (4), Pittsburgh (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 11, Lost 3

STRENGTHS: Youth; outstanding QB in Bradshaw, outstanding runner in Harris; fiery front four and fine linebacking on defense.

WEAKNESSES: No glaring ones; but improvement needed at offensive tackles and tight end; defensive secondary must hold up again.

Here's a team that didn't play a bad game in 1972. Of its three defeats in regular season, one was by 5 points, another by 4, the other by 2. The Steelers upended Oakland in the first round of the playoffs and nearly missed upsetting Miami by only 4 points.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
85	Adams, Bob	TE	6-2	225	27	4	Pacific
49	Anderson, Ralph	S	6-1	180	24	3	West Texas State
46	Bankston, Warren	RB	6-4	235	26	5	Tulane
20	Bleier, Rocky	RB	5-11	210	27	5	Notre Dame
47	Blount, Mel	CB	6-3	205	25	4	Southern U.
38	Bradley, Ed	LB	6-2	239	23	2	Wake Forest
12	Bradshaw, Terry	QB	6-3	215	25	4	Louisiana Tech
74	Brown, John	T	6-2	255	34	12	Syracuse
87	Brown, Larry	TE	6-4	229	24	3	Kansas ✓
50	Clack, Jim	C	6-3	250	25	3	Wake Forest
53	Davis, Henry	LB	6-3	225	30	6	Grambling
57	Davis, Sam	G	6-1	255	29	7	Allen
35	Davis, Steve	RB	6-1	218	23	2	Delaware State
29	Dockery, John	CB	6-0	185	29	6	Harvard
27	Edwards, Glen	S	6-0	185	26	3	Florida A&M
33	Fuqua, John	RB	5-11	205	27	5	Morgan State
64	Furness, Steve	DT	6-4	255	22	2	Rhode Island
10	Gerela, Roy	K	5-10	185	25	5	New Mexico State
17	Gilliam, Joe	QB	6-2	187	22	2	Tennessee State
71	Gravelle, Gordon	T	6-5	250	24	2	Brigham Young
75	Greene, Joe	DT	6-4	275	26	5	North Texas State
68	Greenwood, L. C.	DE	6-6	245	27	5	Arkansas AM&N
59	Ham, Jack	LB	6-1	225	24	3	Penn State
67	Hanneman, Craig	DE	6-3	240	24	2	Oregon State
5	Hanratty, Terry	QB	6-1	210	25	5	Notre Dame
32	Harris, Franco	RB	6-2	230	23	2	Penn State
63	Holmes, Ernie	DT	6-3	260	25	2	Texas Southern
77	Holmes, Mel	G-T	6-3	251	23	3	North Carolina A&T
55	Kolb, Jon	T	6-2	262	26	5	Oklahoma State ✓
43	Lewis, Frank	WR	6-1	196	26	3	Grambling
56	Mansfield, Ray	C	6-3	260	32	11	Washington
89	McMakin, John	TE	6-3	232	22	2	Clemson
72	Mullins, Gerry	T-G	6-3	244	24	3	Southern California
83	Pearson, Barry	WR	5-11	185	23	2	Northwestern
26	Pearson, Preston	RB	6-1	205	28	7	Illinois
48	Rowser, John	CB	6-1	190	29	7	Michigan ✓
34	Russell, Andy	LB	6-2	225	32	9	Missouri ✓
25	Shanklin, Ron	WR	6-1	190	25	4	North Texas State
61	Stenger, Brian	LB	6-4	241	26	5	Notre Dame ✓
66	Van Dyke, Bruce	G	6-2	255	29	8	Missouri ✓
23	Wagner, Mike	S	6-1	210	24	3	Western Illinois
39	Walden, Bob	P	6-0	190	35	10	Georgia
90	Webster, George	LB	6-4	220	27	7	Michigan State
78	White, Dwight	DE	6-4	255	24	3	East Texas State
51	Winfrey, Carl	LB	6-0	230	24	3	Wisconsin
31	Young, Al	WR	6-1	195	24	3	South Carolina State

The team is just about the youngest in football, the average age is only 25. On the squad are only four players 30 or over and one of those is punter Bobby Walden.

Because of its 1972 momentum and its youth, the Steelers bear watching in 1973. On paper, they seem better prepared to meet the Miami challenge than anyone in the AFC. Their schedule is more favorable than the Dolphins.

The Steelers can run now that they have Franco Harris. And they can pass. Quarterback Terry Bradshaw showed marked improvement in 1972, cutting his interceptions in half. He also led AFC QBs in ball toting. And the receiver corps, except perhaps at tight end, is young and fast and competent. Defensively, the Steelers have come a long way from the Pittsburgh teams that gave up 400 points in the late 1960s. Now opponents are lucky to score more than two TDs. Seven of the 1972 regular-season opponents didn't score a TD at all.

The 1972 Steelers were the best in the team's history. There's no reason to believe the 1973 Steelers can't be better.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Franco Harris put the finishing touches to a fine, respected offense. He and John (Frenchy) Fuqua gained over 1,700 yards on the ground. In about half his games, Harris was good for 100 or more yards. Fuqua complements him nicely. The Steelers could be a little deeper, though, at running back. Preston Pearson is a good reserve but Steve Davis, playing behind Harris, must improve in his second season.

Bradshaw is a rifle-arm at QB. He didn't throw a lot of TD passes last season (just 12) but he gained a better understanding of the total offense. His reduction of interceptions (from 22 to 12) impressed the coaching staff. Terry Hanratty is in reserve but he will have to keep an eye out for improved Joe Gilliam.

The receiver trio of Frank Lewis, Ron Shanklin and Al Young are fine athletes and long-distance sprinters. Lewis and Shanklin will start again and may be neaded for all-star recognition this time around. Tight end John McMakin started every game as a rookie, but Larry Brown and Warren Bankston, a converted RB, will make his life uneasy. All are good blockers. McMakin made 21 catches and has the size (6-3, 232) that coaches like.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Tackle John Brown, an old favorite in Pittsburgh, has retired but he viewed most of his final season from the bench. Bruce Van Dyke and Sam Davis were stellar guards. Rookie Roger Bernhardt of Kansas may be groomed as No. 1 replacement. At tackles, Jon Kolb, Gerry Mullins, who won Brown's job, and improved Gordon Gravelle will vie for the starting postions. Center has a dogfight going between Ray Mansfield, the oldest starter, and Jim Clack. Last year they alternated.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Greene and green typify this line. Joe Greene that is. He never was steadier than in 1972 when he became an All-Pro tackle pick in his fourth year. He is the "veteran" of the young front four.

STEELERS' 1972 RECORD: WON 11, LOST 3

34	*Oakland	28	40	*Cincinnati	17
10	Cincinnati	15	16	*Kansas City	7
25	St. Louis	19	24	Cleveland	26
13	Dallas	17	23	*Minnesota	10
24	*Houston	7	30	*Cleveland	0
33	*New England	3	9	Houston	3
38	Buffalo	21	24	San Diego	2

Total Steeler Pts.: 343 Total Opp. Pts.: 175 *Home Games

POST-SEASON GAMES

Pittsburgh 13, Oakland 7 (AFC Divisional Playoff)

Miami 21, Pittsburgh 17 (AFC Championship)

Ernie Holmes is the other tackle if he solves his off-season legal problems. He shared the job with Ben McGee, recently retired, last season. The ends, L.C. Greenwood and Dwight White, are equal in ability and have a lot of it. They came a long way in 1972.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The Steeler linebackers and deep backs were "stealers" as well as Steelers in 1972. They swiped a total of 28 passes to lead the league and they were instrumental in making Pittsburgh the best team in football as far as having more takeaways (interceptions, fumbles) than giveaways.

Andy Russell is an established All-Pro linebacker and Jack Ham is edging into that class. Middleman Henry Davis has continued to please the Steelers ever since he came from the N.Y. Giants a few years back. Reserve George Webster, an All-Time All-AFL choice a few years back, has to overcome injuries.

In the secondary, cornerbacks John Rowser and Mel Blount are coming off their best years. A healthy Ralph Anderson and Mike Wagner are the safeties, though Glen Edwards got a lot of playing time there in 1972. The first two draft picks were defensive backs—James Thomas of Florida State and Ken Phares of Mississippi State.

SPECIALISTS: Roy Gerela was just what the kicking coach ordered. He's the best-looking placekicker the Steelers have ever had. Bobby Walden is a fine punter. The kickoff returners could stand improvement but punt returners Lewis and Edwards are potential gamebreakers.

OUTLOOK: A very talented young team that escaped injury a year ago. You can bet everyone in the AFC fears Pittsburgh's potential.

THE STEELER STARS

TERRY BRADSHAW Quarterback No. 12
Louisiana Tech 6-3 215

3th Year
Sept. 12, 1948



Could be more dangerous than ever now that the Steelers have a balanced attack... One of the very best passing-running quarterbacks in the game... He hasn't reached his full potential as a passer but his strong arm and pin-point throws are evident... Passed 308 times, completed 147 (47.7%) for 1,887 yards and 12 TDs last season... Was more impressive as a runner with 58 rushes for 346 yards (tops by an AFC quarterback) and 7 TDs... Bradshaw cut down his interception rate drastically a year ago, making only 12 errant throws... Hadn't been happy at start of his career with Pittsburgh... He didn't play fulltime after being the top draft choice of the entire 1970 selections... But now he's thinking in different terms—a championship... "They expect me to make them a winner and, by gum, I'll do it," he has said... Was wire-service Back of the Week in a mediocre game versus Oakland last season and accepted the award with comment, "This is hilarious."

JACK HAM Linebacker No. 59
Penn State 6-1 225

3rd Year
Dec. 23, 1948



A young player who's all over the field... Had 7 interceptions last season (second best in the AFC)... Also recovered 4 fumbles and sacked a couple of unsuspecting quarterbacks... His 7 pass thefts were a team record by a linebacker... Plays the left side... Like many of the Steelers, has his own cheering section—the "Dobre Shunka Fan Club"... That's Polish for "Great Ham"... An unpretentious guy.

FRANCO HARRIS Running Back No. 32
Penn State 6-2 230

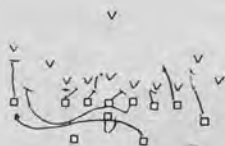
2nd Year
March 7, 1950



The pride and joy of "Franco's Italian Army"... Didn't establish himself as starter in the Pittsburgh lineup until the sixth game but after that he was a terror... Gained over 100 yards in 6 consecutive games to equal Jim Brown's feat... Proceeded to set the Steeler rushing record with 1,055 yards in 188 carries... His 5.6-yard average, 10 TDs and a 75-yard scoring sprint were equally impressive for everyone's Offensive Rookie of the Year... It was Harris who pulled off the most exciting play of the season: Against Oakland in the playoffs, he grabbed a deflected pass a few inches above the ground and ran for the winning TD... Also caught passes (21 for 180 yards) and returned kickoffs... "I had confidence and I knew I

THE STEELERS' BIG PLAY

With Franco Harris carrying the ball so often, the Steelers had to use deception even on basic plays. This weak-side sweep is a good example. The weak-side (left) linemen move towards the strong side while the strong-side guard pulls out of the line to lead Harris around the end.



had the ability," he said about his rookie year, "but I wondered how long it would take before it all came out. What really surprised me is that I adjusted so soon" . . . One of nine kids in the family of a black U.S. soldier and his Italian-born wife . . . Gained over 2,000 yards in college career but overshadowed by Lydell Mitchell, now of the Colts.

BRUCE VAN DYKE Guard No. 66

Missouri 6-2 255

8th Year

Aug. 6, 1944



Most good guards don't get recognition until they get a great running back to block for . . . Such is the case with Van Dyke who did a tremendous job for years but didn't get his due until Franco Harris came on scene . . . Then Bruce's blocks were noticed . . . He made all-league and was chosen for the Pro Bowl . . . Harris at one point late in season was averaging 5.6 yards a carry with Van Dyke in the lineup, 2.6 yards without him . . . Van Dyke held

Mike Reid of Cincinnati to 3 unassisted tackles in one showdown, prompting the All-Pro tackle to remark, "You can say all you want about the big names, but Bruce is one of the best of them" . . . His performance against Cincy earned him a rare honor for a lineman—Offensive Player of the Week . . . Steelers got him in 1967 trade with Philadelphia.

JOE GREENE Defensive Tackle No. 75

North Texas State 6-4 275

5th Year

Sept. 24, 1946



Steelers have improved every year Mean Joe has been with them, from 1-13 in his rookie season to 11-3 last year . . . He was the AP's Defensive Player of the Year in the NFL last season, which was the icing on all the honors he received . . . Got almost half the 67 votes in that balloting . . . Also All-NFL naturally, and a Pro Bowl pick for the third straight time . . . Says he had a hard time sleeping during the exciting 1972 campaign . . . "I guess

it's the pressure of the game" . . . He doesn't study the opposition . . . "Most guys go overboard on that stuff. My philosophy is that I'm going to do what I want to do and it's up to you to stop me" . . . Reached his peak

in Houston game, when he spent the day in the Oiler backfield and kept Houston from scoring a TD... Led the Steelers in quarterback sacks with 11 a year ago... Loves defense... "There's something as exciting about a good pass rush as there is about a long run or pass play," he says.

DWIGHT WHITE Defensive End No. 78

East Texas State 6-4 250

3rd Year

July 30, 1949



A late-blossoming player who should be watched for future improvement... He tried out for his junior high team and got cut: "I was a big sissy, overgrown and shy"... Didn't play again until his senior year... Then in college, he was saddled with losing teams and an array of positions... "At East Texas State we had one of the sorriest teams ever," says White who played tight end, linebacker and defensive end, "but I played to win"... In two years at Pittsburgh, he's had 9 and 10 QB sacks... Last season he also corralled 4 fumbles... Has started every game since he joined the pros, bumping Ben McGee out of a job... "I never lose at anything now," he says... Called "Mad Dog" by his teammates... Made the Pro Bowl squad.

ROY GERELA Kicker No. 10

New Mexico State 5-10 185

5th Year

April 2, 1948



A calm, sleepy-eyed placekicker who didn't show much emotion during the exciting 1972 campaign... But he did come around on the eve of the Miami championship game... "The feeling is like just before a fight," he said then... He said Houston waived him to Pittsburgh for \$100 in 1971 because "I wasn't emotional enough"... He joined the Steelers just before the season began and wound up fifth in the AFC in FG accuracy... Last season he was fifth again, this time with 68.3%... But he got the Pro Bowl nod... His 119 points last year are a Pittsburgh record... So were his 28 field goals... He kicked 3 FGs in 9-3 triumph over Houston... Went to college first in Hawaii, then to New Mexico State where he was mostly a defensive back and punter... Didn't start kicking until his senior year... But he had some expert advice from his brother Ted who's a kicking coach in the Canadian League... Roy is from Alberta, Canada... Though he's quiet, his fan club (Gerela's Gorillas) are among Pittsburgh's noisiest.

TOP ROOKIE

JAMES THOMAS Cornerback 6-1 196

Florida State

Was a strong safety as a senior but played CB two other seasons... Can hit and run (4.6 speed in the 40)... Made the All-South team and got some All-America mentions... Played in the East-West and Senior Bowl games... Intercepted 7 passes in career.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"For the first time since I've been here in Pittsburgh, we have quarterbacks who know what the hell they are doing," says Chuck Noll now that his ace Terry Bradshaw and backup man Terry Hanratty have the team under firm control. "That's the big difference. It's the difference between day and night. We were never concerned about Bradshaw winning a rookie award a couple of years ago; we were too busy building a winning team."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Thomas, James, DB, Florida State; Phares, Ken, DB, Mississippi State; Bernhardt, Roger, G, Kansas; Clark, Gail, LB, Michigan State; Reavis, David, DE, Arkansas; Clark, Larry, LB, Northern Illinois; Bell, Ron, RB, Illinois State; Scolnik, Glen, WR, Indiana; Dorsey, Nate, DE, Mississippi Valley; Toews, Loren, LB, California; Janssen, Bill, T, Nebraska; Bonham, Bracey, G, North Carolina Central; Wunderly, Don, DT, Arkansas; White, Bob, DB, Arizona; Lee, Willie, RB, Indiana State; Fergerson, Rick, WR, Kansas State; Cowan, Roger, DE, Stanford; Cross, Charles, DB, Iowa; Nardi, Glen, DT, Navy; Shannon, Mike, DT, Oregon State.

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Sept. 8 (Sat.)	ATLANTA	8:00	—	—

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Sept. 16 (Sun.)	DETROIT	4:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	at Houston	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	SAN DIEGO	1:00	—	—
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Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at New York Jets	1:00	—	—
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Dec. 9 (Sun.)	HOUSTON	1:00	—	—
Dec. 15 (Sat.)	at San Francisco	1:00	—	—

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Eugene V. Klein; Head Coach: Harland Svare; Asst. Coaches: Bob Schnelker, George Dickson, Forrest Gregg, Walt Yowarsky, Rich Redman, Willie Wood, Ron Waller; Trainer: Ric McDonald; Office: P. O. Box 20666, San Diego, Calif. 92120; Stadium: San Diego Stadium (54,000); Colors: Blue, Gold and White; Training Camp: University of California at Irvine.



Mike Garrett, ball tucked in, wiggles his way through a hole in the Colt defense. This year the Chargers must reduce costly turnovers.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: AFC WEST: Denver (3)*, Kansas City (2), Oakland (1), San Diego (4).
*1972 Finish.

1972 RECORD: Won 4, Lost 9, Tied 1

STRENGTHS: Experience all over the place; strong receiver corps if John Unitas' arm is limber; much improved defense.

WEAKNESSES: A bad habit of turning over the ball on errors; too much dependence on Unitas' future; experience factor could backfire if veterans age much more.

The Chargers should be one of pro football's most interesting teams in 1973. There's a lot of talent, experience and optimism in San Diego. But the Chargers still must overcome a couple of traditional toughies—Kansas City and Oakland—in order to move upward in the standings.

Actually, the Chargers were a lowly last-place team a year ago. But they played a mean schedule.

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57	Snowden, Cal	DE	6-4	253	26	5	Indiana
78	Sweeney, Walt	G	6-4	256	32	11	Syracuse
46	Sykes, John	RB	5-11	195	24	2	Morgan State
42	Taylor, Jesse	RB	6-0	200	25	2	Cincinnati
35	Thomas, Bob	RB	5-10	201	25	3	Arizona State
33	Thomas, Duane	RB	6-1	205	26	3	West Texas State
19	Unitas, John	QB	6-1	196	40	18	Louisville
70	Washington, Russ	T	6-6	289	26	6	Missouri ✓
54	Wenzel, Ralph	G	6-2	250	30	7	Cal. State—San Diego
38	White, Lee	RB	6-2	232	27	6	Weber State
56	White, Ray	LB	6-2	219	24	3	Syracuse
63	Wilkerson, Doug	G	6-3	250	26	4	North Carolina Central
84	Williams, Dave	WR	6-2	207	28	7	Washington
68	Wojcik, Greg	DT	6-6	268	27	3	Southern California
79	Wright, Ernie	T	6-4	257	33	14	Ohio State

Harland Svare made inroads as a first-year coach. And with the addition of Unitas, Coy Bacon (in a trade) and Johnny Rodgers (the Heisman Trophy winner from Nebraska), there should be interesting fireworks.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Can Johnny U. still connect? If he does, he'll be earning revenge for what he felt was bum treatment in Baltimore. He's got some great receivers in Gary Garrison, Cid Edwards, Jerry LeVias, Pettis Norman, Chuck Dicus, Dave Williams, Mike Garrett and his old batterymate, John Mackey, from Baltimore. And, young Mr. Rodgers could be a great one.

But should Unitas fail—through old age or bad arm—this team is in terrible shape. Frisky John Hadl, who never missed a game even if he missed his receivers occasionally, is gone. Backing up Unitas is an unimposing cast of Wayne Clark (he threw 6 passes last year), Dan Fouts (rookie from Oregon), and Tony Adams (rookie from Utah State). It's scary.

The Chargers have a couple of fine running backs—little Mike Garrett and big Cid Edwards—who complement each other. They gained over 1,700 yards between them last year. Newcomer Bob Thomas, who came from the Rams in the Hadl trade, is a factor, too; he gained over 100 yards twice last season. Another Thomas, the unpredictable one (Duane), is on the roster but doesn't count until he shows.

OFFENSIVE LINE: There's talent and depth along this wall. Terry Owens and Russ Washington are big, established tackles. Walt Sweeney is an All-Pro guard and Doug Wilkerson was more than adequate. Carl Mauck is a fine center. On the bench are Ernie Wright and Sam Gruneisen, two established pros.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Here's where the Chargers have shown their most improvement in many a year. Coy Bacon was a Pro Bowl end for Los Angeles, though he may be tried at tackle in San Diego. Deacon Jones and Lionel Aldridge have a wealth of experience at the flanks. Ron East and Dave Costa are fine tackles, though someone will have to make way for Bacon. Greg Wojcik, Kevin Hardy and Cal Snowden are solid replacements. "We went from worst to respectable on defense last year," says Svare.

DEFENSIVE SECONDARY: Tim Rossoovich in the middle and Bob Babich and Rick Redman on the sides are fine linebackers. Pete Barnes, Pete Lazetich and Ray White are strong reserves. Bill Singletary (Temple) is a rookie of some promise.

The Chargers raised their interception total to 24 last season despite injuries to starters Bob Howard (cornerback) and Chris Fletcher (safety). Howard will probably join Leonard Dunlap at the corner but Fletcher will be in for a fight with Joe Beauchamp and Bryant Salter at safeties. Salter led the team in interceptions with 7 as a second-year man. The secondary could be a trouble area.

CHARGERS' 1972 RECORD: WON 4, LOST 9, TIED 1

3	San Francisco	34	28	*Dallas	34
37	*Denver	14	17	*Cleveland	21
17	Oakland	17	27	Kansas City	17
23	Baltimore	20	34	*Houston	20
10	Miami	24	19	*Oakland	21
20	Detroit	34	13	Denver	38
14	*Kansas City	26	2	*Pittsburgh	24

Total Charger Pts.: 264 Total Opp. Pts.: 344 *Home Games

SPECIALISTS: Gunter Enz, an Austrian pro soccer player, has the Chargers excited in the kicking department. But veterans Bill McClard and Dennis Partee aren't too bad, either. Johnny Rodgers has a real reputation for kick returns, so he may jazz up that San Diego weak link. The Chargers didn't have anyone near the top ten in kickoff returns a year ago. Dunlap was pretty good on punt runbacks but that's Rodgers' specialty.

OUTLOOK: Cloudy. So much depends on what John Unitas does in his 18th year of pro football. Svare deserves plaudits for rebuilding a terrible defense but age may spoil all that.

THE CHARGER STARS

MIKE GARRETT Running Back No. 20
Southern Cal 5-9 191

8th Year
April 12, 1944



A real pro who, despite some idiosyncracies, has always piled up the yardage . . . Hit over 1,000 yards rushing for the second time in his career in 1972, when he gained 1,031 in 272 carries for 3.8-yard average . . . His best previous season was with Kansas City in 1967, when he piled up 1,087 yards . . . Now ranks 17th in all-time NFL rushing with 5,014 yards—more than Gale Sayers . . . Was fifth among AFC ball-carriers in 1972 . . . Had a 145-yard performance against the Oakland Raiders in front of a record San Diego crowd last season . . . A fine pass catcher with 31 catches in 1972 to bring career total to 223 . . . An individualist, no-nonsense guy who was nicknamed "Elmer Fudd" by the Chiefs because of his fuddy-duddy ways . . . Serves on Board of Directors of Encanto Boys' Club.

COY BACON Defensive End No. 79
Jackson State 6-4 270

6th Year
August 30, 1942



Could be a super-type in the rebuilt Charger defense... Played defensive end at Los Angeles last season, before the trade with Bob Thomas for John Hadl... But Chargers see him as probable tackle... Nevertheless, he's sure to start and star, as usual... Had 15 sacks of the quarterback in 1972 (the whole Charger team had 26) and 14 in 1971... He made it to his first Pro Bowl game in '72... Actually, he started his career at Dallas as a tackle and he played a bit there during his Rams tenure... The highlight of his career was at end when he picked up a Bob Berry fumble versus Atlanta in 1970 and returned it for a touchdown... Unlike many superstar types, he's more comfortable on the weak, or right side of the line... "I've played there all my life," he says. "On the left side, I have to keep checking myself to see if I'm doing right"... Real name is Lander McCoy.

WALT SWEENEY Offensive Guard No. 78
Syracuse 6-4 256

11th Year
April 18, 1941



One of the best blockers in recent pro football history... Some kind of an all-star choice since 1964... He was team's first draft pick in 1963, when it was unusual for fledgling AFL to take a guard at the time... Downplays his role: "Line play is dull," he says, "and I'm not much of a talker"... He's a doer, though, and Merlin Olsen of the Los Angeles Rams says guys like Sweeney will send him to early retirement... Showed up late for 1972 season because of contract dispute... Finally made it after threat to quit and join his frozen-foods firm for good... "I came back because I had enough of a tax writeoff," he joked about fines... In June of 1972 he was voted game's top blocker by 1000-Yard Club... Is more of a player than a football fan: "I doubt if I'll ever go to a game after I retire," he says.

RUSS WASHINGTON Offensive Tackle No. 70
Missouri 6-6 289

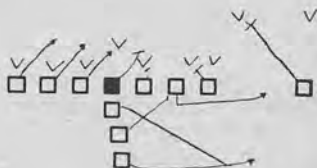
6th Year
Dec. 17, 1946



A real Charger buff... "I like the attitude here, the climate, the city, the fans," he said in 1972 after playing out his option... He played without a contract in 1971 and became a free agent in May, 1972, but had no thought of leaving San Diego if the team could meet his price... The club did and Russ has been a happy man for it... Played defensive tackle in early pro years and was a Big Eight star (all-league three times) in several positions, including fullback... But he's been a happy man about switch to offense... "I know I'm one of the better offensive tackles," he says with confidence... Nicknamed "Mt. Washington" because of height... His

THE CHARGERS' BIG PLAY

This is a fake off-tackle play from the I-Formation. The fullback's job is to make a good fake into the line so that he draws in the opposition, thus setting up the halfback (the deepest back) for a pitchout and a run around the right end. The right tackle has to pull and lead the interference. A shifty runner like Mike Garrett can make this a big gainer.



line coach, Forrest Gregg of Green Bay fame, says: "I marvel that a guy can be that big and move the way he can. Someone called Russ the biggest sprinter alive, and I have to agree. He's our strongest guy up front."

GARY GARRISON Wide Receiver No. 27

San Diego State 6-2 193

8th Year

Jan. 2, 1944



He's "Gary the Ghost" to Charger fans and he spooks out those poor devils who have to defend against him... Caught 52 passes last season to lead the Chargers... It was the seventh straight season he caught at least 40 passes... Gets fine yardage—14.3 a catch last year (and 7 TDs) and is close to 19 yards a catch for his career... Only Lance Alworth, his old teammate, can boast of 40 or more snares for seven straight years... Gary grabbed 29 passes to Lance's 19 during their last three seasons as teammates... Gary was an AFC Pro Bowl pick three years in a row... His record of making about one TD for each 6 catches is remarkable... "Time goes by fast for a ballplayer," he says. "You're in it, then you're out of it before you know it."

JOE BEAUCHAMP Safety No. 40

Iowa State 6-0 188

8th Year

April 11, 1944



Born in Chicago, grew up in Milwaukee, went to college in Iowa and kept moving West till he got to San Diego seven years ago... Now he seems set... One of the lesser known Chargers, he's mighty effective... Had a fine year in 1972 with 6 interceptions, which he returned for 96 yards... He also was the team's leading tackler... Has played the corners, plus free safety and strong safety... He moved in for Chris Fletcher at free safety in

an early-season game against the Broncos and snared 3 interceptions, including one he returned 47 yards for a TD . . . "I've had some good games at cornerback," he says, "but it was hard for me to get 3 interceptions a year there. Quarterbacks make cornerbacks grow old quickly. I'm happy to be at safety" . . . Has 21 career interceptions and nearly 400 yards in returns.

JOHNNY UNITAS Quarterback No. 19
Louisville 6-1 96

18th Year
May 7, 1933



The eyes of the football world will be on the Chargers' new No. 19 . . . Johnny U. has thrown 5,110 passes in NFL regular-season games for the Baltimore Colts, who dumped him after the 1972 campaign . . . The Colts were cool to him even though he wound up fourth in AFC passing last year, completing 56.1% of his 157 throws . . . Unitas holds almost all the major NFL passing records—he's totaled up 39,768 yards in the air . . . But

when one sportswriter-friend reminded him how close he was to 40,000 last winter, he scowled: "What the hell do I need 40,000 for?" . . . "When you have been around as long as I have, you learn to do other things with your skills," he says. "I still can throw long but that's not the idea of effective, winning football."

TOP ROOKIES

JOHNNY RODGERS Wide Receiver 5-9 173

Nebraska

"He's the best all-around football player I ever coached," said his college mentor, Bob Devaney . . . Rodgers was a Heisman winner and two-time All-America . . . He might be small for a pass-catcher but the Chargers' No. 1 draft choice can still make it big as a kick returner . . . In 1972, he caught 55 passes for 942 yards and 8 TDs . . . Returned 39 punts for 618 yards and 2 TDs . . . Scored 46 TDs in collegiate career . . . Averaged 18.8 yards every time he touched the ball, whether it was runbacks, receptions or rushes . . . Nicknamed "Superfly."

DAN FOUTS Quarterback 6-3 196

Oregon

Here's a guy to keep an eye on because of Unitas' age . . . Only a third-round pick . . . But All-Pacific 8 and a busy thrower as a collegian . . . In career tossed 956 passes, completed 482 of them for 37 TDs and almost 6,000 yards . . . An East-West and Senior Bowl game choice . . . "He's the toughest individual I've ever been associated with," says his college coach . . . From San Francisco.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"We made some great strides last year," says Harland Svare about his first year with the Chargers. "On defense we went from worst to respectable. On offense, we developed a strong running attack. Now there isn't that much separating us from K.C., Oakland and Denver. But we must advance from respectable to good on defense."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Rodgers, Johnny, WR, Nebraska; Fouts, Dan, QB, Oregon; Thaxton, James, TE, Tennessee State; Singletary, Bill, LB, Temple; McGee, Willie, WR, Alcorn A&M; Knoble, Jon, LB, Weber State; Roberts, Marvin, C, Michigan State; Bennett, Tab, LB, Illinois; Burnett, Cliff, DE, Montana; Douglas, Jay, C, Memphis State; Ahrens, Lynn, T, Eastern Montana; Reese, Alfred, RB, Tennessee State; Adams, Tony, QB, Utah State; Parris, Gary, TE, Florida State; Petty, Joe, DB, Arizona State; Darrow, Barry, T, Montana.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			S.D.	Opp.
Aug. 4 (Sat.)	NEW YORK GIANTS	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	ST. LOUIS	8:00	—	—
Aug. 19 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	1:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	PHILADELPHIA	8:00	—	—
Aug. 31 (Fri.)	at Los Angeles	8:30	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	MINNESOTA	8:00	—	—

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			S.D.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at Washington	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	BUFFALO	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	CINCINNATI	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at Pittsburgh	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	at Oakland	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	ATLANTA	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at Cleveland	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	KANSAS CITY	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at Denver	2:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	NEW ORLEANS	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	OAKLAND	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at New England	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	DENVER	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at Kansas City	1:00	—	—

INSIDE THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

by John Devaney
Editor, Complete Pro Football Handbook

Last year we predicted that Dallas, Detroit, Minnesota and San Francisco would be the NFC playoff teams—and we were half-right. Or, put another way, half-wrong. But here we go again . . .

In the **EAST**, the Giants are a threat to knock over Dallas and Washington, the two teams that have dominated this division the past few years. Last year's Giants ranked No. 1 in total offense in the NFC. They were only ninth in defense, but the Giant defense has some young ones who figure to improve. We do not think St. Louis or Philadelphia will do any more than rebuild. Dallas may have problems if Bob Lilly and some other members of the Domsday Defense don't bounce back from injuries, although a full year with Roger Staubach at the wheel should make the Cowboys even rougher on offense; last year they ranked second behind the Giants. With George Allen wheeling and dealing, the "Over the Hill Gang" will be strong, especially on defense. We like Dallas with the Giants also making the playoffs as the team with the best second-place record.

Green Bay surprised us in the **CENTRAL** Division last season, the NFC's No. 1 defense outweighing a weak Packer passing attack. Dan Devine and Scott Hunter figure to improve that attack. We figure Detroit will be rebuilding under a new coach and Chicago would seem to need a quarterback who can pass better than Bobby Douglass. That leaves the Vikings, always tough to rule out. On defense the Purple People Eaters are still fortress-like and Fran Tarkenton can rev up any attack, but we like Green Bay.

Only the New Orleans Saints, torn by dissension and weaknesses on offense and defense, can be ruled out in the **WEST**. Los Angeles has John Hadl and (maybe) Roman Gabriel, but the Ram defensive front wall does not rush down passers' throats as it once did in Deacon Jones' day. San Francisco has the best passing attack in the NFC but its running is questionable and the defense only fair. Now Atlanta . . . here's a young team with the best defense in the NFC West. There is a problem at quarterback .

We believe Van Brocklin will parlay an improving defense and his own masterminding from the bench and propel the Falcons into their first playoffs ever . . .

Atlanta, Green Bay, Dallas, New York Giants.

If we are only half-right, we won't complain.

On the succeeding pages are close-up looks at all the teams.



Dallas' Calvin Hill hurtles a tackler's grasp.

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ATLANTA FALCONS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Ch. of Bd.: Rankin M. Smith; Pres.: Frank E. Wall; Coach and Gen. Mgr.: Norm Van Brocklin; Asst. Coaches: Billy Ray Barnes, Fred Bruney, Marion Campbell, Harry Gilmer, Bob Griffin, Duane Putnam; Dir. of Player Personnel: Tom Braatz; Trainer: Jerry Rhea; Office: 521 Capitol Ave., S.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30312; Stadium: Atlanta Stadium (58,850); Colors: Red, Black, White and Old Gold; Training Camp: Furman University, Greenville, S.C.



Dave Hampton (43), his face contorted with effort, crashes for three yards against Houston. Falcon backs, however, fumbled too often in 1972.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC West: Atlanta (2),* Los Angeles (3), New Orleans (4), San Francisco (1). *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 7, Lost 7

STRENGTHS: An awesome pass rush and good overall defense against the pass.

WEAKNESSES: Fumble-itis among the running backs and pass receivers; uncertainty about the starting quarterback.

Bob Berry ranked second among NFC passers last season. Yet the Falcons ranked only 20th in overall passing effectiveness. "We need improvement in our passing game other than completion percentages," says Norm Van Brocklin. "We need better yardage yield after the catch by

ATLANTA FALCONS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
37	Bell, Bill	K	6-0	192	25	3	Kansas ✓
28	Belton, Willie	RB	5-11	207	24	3	Maryland State
51	Benson, Duane	LB	6-2	215	28	7	Hamline
17	Berry, Bob	QB	5-11	185	31	9	Oregon
50	Brezina, Greg	LB	6-0	226	27	5	Houston
34	Brown, Ray	S	6-1	208	24	3	West Texas State
82	Burrow, Ken	WR	6-0	191	25	3	San Diego State
81	Chesson, Wes	WR	6-2	195	24	3	Duke
88	Condren, Glen	DT	6-3	251	31	8	Oklahoma
32	Easterling, Ray	S	6-0	195	23	2	Richmond
29	Ellis, Clarence	S	5-11	193	23	2	Notre Dame
69	Fritsch, Ted	C	5-2	239	23	2	St. Norbert
31	Germany, Willie	S	6-0	192	25	2	Morgan State
65	Gotshalk, Len	T	6-4	244	23	2	Humboldt State
43	Hampton, Dave	RB	6-0	210	26	5	Wyoming
58	Hansen, Don	LB	6-2	235	29	7	Illinois
56	Havig, Dennis	G	6-2	245	24	2	Colorado ✓
27	Hayes, Tom	CB	6-1	199	27	3	San Diego State
87	Humphrey, Claude	DE	6-4	252	29	6	Tennessee State
6	James, John	P	6-3	197	24	2	Florida
46	Jarvis, Ray	WR	6-0	200	24	3	Norfolk State
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75	Kunz, George	T	6-5	257	26	5	Notre Dame
40	Lamb, Ron	RB	6-2	225	28	5	South Carolina
69	Lewis, Mike	DT	6-4	244	24	3	Arkansas AM&N
25	Malone, Art	RB	5-11	211	25	4	Arizona State
77	Manning, Rosie	DT	6-5	256	23	2	Northeast Oklahoma
64	Maurer, Andy	G	6-3	265	24	4	Oregon
83	Mailik, Larry	TE	6-2	226	23	2	Wisconsin
55	Miller, Jim	G	6-3	240	24	3	Iowa
86	Mitchell, Jim	TE	6-1	234	25	5	Prairie View
60	Nobis, Tommy	LB	6-2	240	29	8	Texas
35	Plummer, Tony	S	5-11	188	26	4	Pacific
23	Profit, Joe	RB	6-0	213	24	3	Northeast Louisiana
44	Ray, Eddie	RB	6-2	240	26	4	Louisiana State
36	Reaves, Ken	CB	6-3	210	28	8	Norfolk State
61	Sandeman, Bill	T	6-6	252	30	8	Pacific
11	Shiner, Dick	QB	6-0	201	31	10	Maryland
66	Small, John	DT	6-4	269	26	4	Citadel
80	Snyder, Todd	WR	6-2	192	24	4	Ohio U.
7	Sullivan, Pat	QB	6-0	198	23	2	Auburn
74	Tilleman, Mike	DT	6-7	272	29	7	Montana
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	243	27	5	Kentucky
5	Wages, Harmon	RB	6-1	215	27	5	Florida
79	Walker, Chuck	DT	6-3	250	32	10	Duke
71	Zook, John	DE	6-4	243	25	5	Kansas ✓

our receivers and, of course, blocking improvement is a constant objective."

Translated from coach-ese, what that means is that Van Brocklin will be looking for speedier receivers who can go all the way with a catch and for better blocking by the line. Atlanta's front wall was pierced a very high 41 times by the people who dump quarterbacks. The leading Falcon pass catcher was running back Art Malone (third in the NFC with 50 catches). Next best was wide receiver Ken Burrow, who was way down in 25th place with 29 catches.

Van Brocklin will also be looking to replace Bob Berry with Pat Sullivan, a Heisman Trophy winner out of Auburn who spent 1972 observing from the bench.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Sullivan and Berry will battle for the No. 1 job, even though Berry has been among the three most accurate passers in the NFC over the past two seasons. "We are very familiar with Pat's credentials, of course," says Van Brocklin, who has watched Berry QB the team to two straight mediocre seasons. "And one of the ones that impresses us the most is that he has always been a winner."

Running backs Malone and Dave Hampton run for daylight with the best: Each averaged over 4 yards a crack last season to rank among the league's top 10 rushers. But Atlanta fumbled 42 times last season, second highest in the league. Wide receiver Burrow and tight end Jim Mitchell (a Pro Bowler) are competent catchers who need to see the ball more often. But if either get hurt, their reserves are of doubtful quality.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Glued by three years of togetherness, the Falcons' front wall blows off the ball with quickness and strength, but it could improve its pass blocking. George Kunz (a Pro Bowler) and Bill Sandeman are the tackles, Andy Maurer and Dennis Havig the guards, with Jeff Van Note one of the league's more under-rated centers. Look for Nick Bebout, a tackle from Wyoming, and Tom Reed, a guard from Arkansas, to get a chance. Another rookie is center Russ Ingram from Texas Tech.

DEFENSIVE LINE: "We should have not only the best defensive line in Falcon history," says Van Brocklin, "but also one of the best ones in professional football. We expect our defensive team to be as good as any in the NFL."

Certainly there is talent among the pass rushers. Claude Humphrey and John Zook are among the best defensive ends in the business. But opposing runners have ploughed pathways up the middle against the Falcons, who ranked only ninth in the NFC against the rush, and Van Brocklin hopes to plug holes with two new defensive tackles. One will be ex-Oiler Mike Tilleman, a 6-7, 272-pound tackle who dumped 14 passers all by himself last season. He was obtained for a No. 1 draft choice. Picked up in the draft was Notre Dame's Greg Marx, whose knees have been pronounced healthy by Falcon doctors. At 6-4 and 260 pounds, Greg was most everyone's All-America.

FALCONS' 1972 RECORD: WON 7, LOST 7

37	Chicago	21	7	Los Angeles	20
20	New England	21	36	*New Orleans	20
31	*Los Angeles	3	13	Washington	24
23	*Detroit	26	23	*Denver	20
21	New Orleans	14	20	*Houston	10
10	Green Bay (Mil)	9	0	San Francisco	20
14	*San Francisco	49	14	*Kansas City	17

Total Falcon Pts.: 269 Total Opp. Pts.: 274 *Home Games

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The linebackers are first rate, especially middle linebacker Tommy Nobis, who bounced back from injuries last season. Greg Brezina and Don Hansen cover the outside with great range and hitting ability.

The Falcons were a close second (to the Vikings) in pass defense last season. Van Brocklin would like to see the deep backs tackle running backs more surely and will concentrate on tackling in training camp. Clarence Ellis and Ray Brown at the safeties and Ken Reaves and Tom Hayes at the corners figure to "be at least as strong in '73," says Van Brocklin, "if for no other reason than that Ellis has that rookie year behind him. He should get more balls for us this year."

SPECIALISTS: Bill Bell kicked only 16 field goals in 30 tries. This spring the Dutchman had scouts touring Europe for a soccer-style kicker. Johnny James ranked second in the NFC in punting and was almost devilish in plopping the ball inside the opponents' 10. The punt-return unit was good, the kickoff-return unit poor.

OUTLOOK: If Pat Sullivan or Bob Berry can be the quarterback Van Brocklin seeks, the Falcons could finally wrest domination of this conference away from the Rams and 49ers.

THE FALCON STARS

TOMMY NOBIS Linebacker No. 60
Texas 6-3 237

8th Year
Sept. 30, 1948



Bounced back last season from two years of "soft" knees to become a Pro Bowl choice for the first time since 1970 ... Was his fourth appearance in seven years ... "When I first came here I was single and a small-town country boy come to the big city. For the first time in my life, I had some money in my pockets. I had to try everything at least once, or almost everything. I didn't know how to act. After a while I could see that was not

the way to go. Then I get married, now we have little Tommy, and I think I am facing up to responsibilities" ... Has helped to send handicapped boys to camp ... Grew up among Mexican, black and "blue-denim" white kids in San Antonio ... "Any boy who had his own uniform, it was like a Cadillac. Growing up in that atmosphere with different races helped me understand a lot of people."

ART MALONE Running Back No. 25
Arizona State 5-11 200

4th Year

March 20, 1948



Other half, with Dave Hampton, of the powerful one-two punch running attack of the Falcons ... Ranked 8th in the NFC in rushing, gaining 798 yards and a 4.4 average ... The best pass catcher among the NFC running backs last season, nabbing 50 for an 11.7 average and two touchdowns, tying his club record ... Scored 8 TDs rushing ... Has had his unhappy moments when he played little in his rookie year of 1970 ... Was a No. 1

draft choice ... Had a knee problem in 1971 ... Fumbled twice in one Falcon loss and gloomed during the week about "how I had let 40 guys down" ... Came back the next week to make six big runs and catches to save a victory.

BOB BERRY Quarterback No. 17
Oregon 5-11 190

9th Year

March 10, 1942



Completing 55.6% of his passes, "little" Bob Berry ranked second in the NFC in passing last season, finishing only a shade behind Norm Snead ... Led in average yards gained per attempt (7.79) ... Threw 13 TD passes and had only 4.3% intercepted ... Is constantly asked if he is too small to be an NFL quarterback ... "I don't know," he says, "I've never been any taller" ... Originally an Eagle, then traded to the Vikings, for whom he played

briefly ... Dueled for No. 1 job with Randy Johnson before Randy went to New York ... "I never doubted I was the No. 1 quarterback. When Randy was traded to New York I didn't think things had changed, but it might have cleared the air for some other people."

TOM HAYES Cornerback No. 27
San Diego State 6-1 193

3rd Year

April 18, 1946

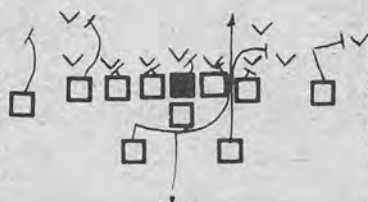


Intercepted five passes to lead the Falcons last season ... In 1971, his rookie year, plucked down three, returning one for a touchdown ... Also returned two blocked punts for TDs ... A sixth-round draft choice ... "Tom surprised us completely," says Norm Van Brocklin, "coming back from the military service at 25. We had no idea he was as good a football player as he was" ... Did not get beat for a touchdown pass in 14 games as a rookie

... Feels he must improve on his tackling and reading keys ... In practice likes to ride his receivers out of bounds and make life difficult for them.

THE FALCONS' BIG PLAY

On this dash by the fullback to the weakside, the fullback feints going straight ahead, then cuts to take the handoff, running now against "the grain" of the defense. He trails the blocking back into the hole between guard and tackle.



CLAUDE HUMPHREY Defensive End No. 87

Tennessee State 6-5 248

6th Year

June 29, 1944



A Pro Bowl performer for the third time in his five years in the NFL ... Some consider him the best of the pass rushers ... "I never met a quarterback I didn't hate. They stand around in practice, they don't do any work but they get all the money. That's why getting the quarterback is number one for me" ... As a rookie he once knocked down Johnny Unitas ... "John, I'm going to run you out of the league," he told the veteran ...

Unitas grinned and replied, "You have two chances—slim and none" ... "If you can find a quarterback who will talk back," Humphrey says, "it's a big help. You will notice after a play a quarterback will step back and watch. He may be trying to see what the free safety was doing. Talk may prevent this. I say the first thing that comes into my mind" ... Aims for 17 sacks a season ... Had 14 last year.

CLARENCE ELLIS Safety No. 29

Notre Dame 5-11 193

2nd Year

Feb. 11, 1950



Intercepted 3 passes in his rookie season ... Also returned a punt ... One of the fastest on the squad, if not the fastest ... A first-round draft choice ... Van Brocklin predicted he would be his starting free safety—and that's what happened ... A starter at Notre Dame since he was a sophomore ... Was picked in the draft ahead of Heisman winner Pat Sullivan by the Falcons ... Could become an All-Pro this year or next ... From Grand Rapids, Mich.

PAT SULLIVAN Quarterback No. 7
Auburn 6-0 198

2nd Year
Jan. 18, 1950



Missed some pre-season work because he played in the College All-Star game... Threw only 19 passes and completed just 3... And had 3 intercepted... But the Falcons have high hopes for 1971's college player of the year... Looked impressive in the All-Star game against the Cowboys... Will get a lot of work in pre-season games, according to Van Brocklin... Comes from Birmingham, Alabama, where he still resides.

DAVE HAMPTON Running Back No. 43
Wyoming 6-0 210

5th Year
May 7, 1947



Came to the Falcons from the Packers... Averaged 4 yards a try for the Packers while playing in backup roles... Called Scooter because of his speed... In his first year with the Falcons led the team in rushing and ranked fifth in the NFC... Gained 995 yards, averaging 4.3 yards a carry... Actually gained 1,000 yards but stayed in last game and was thrown for a loss on a busted play when the QB pitched the ball wildly, and ended up with 995... "Completely frustrating," he said after the game, head down. "I had it and then I didn't. Every back wants that 1,000 yards."

TOP ROOKIES

GREG MARX Defensive Tackle 6-5 235

Notre Dame

May get to start this season for a team that needs good defensive linemen... Would join Claude Humphrey to give the Falcons one of the best pass rushes in the NFL... But is Marx injury prone?... Was hobbled by various ailments during his senior year... Called "the best pass rusher to come out of Notre Dame in recent years"—and the school has sent to the pros the likes of Mike McCoy and Walt Patulski... Chosen by the pros scouts for Time's All-America.

TOM GEREDINE Wide Receiver 6-1 195

N.E. Missouri

Team is in need of a wide receiver but some scouts think the Falcons could have gone for other receivers still undrafted when they picked Geredine as their second choice on the fourth round... A small-school standout, was the 94th player picked... "Has good hands," says one scout, "and all of the desire."

TIP FROM THE COACH

"The big question mark on our football club is at the quarterback position," says Van Brocklin. "There's only one honest way you can grade a quarterback. Since the Falcons have progressed past the expansion stage, the only way to judge a quarterback is by asking, 'Can he win a championship or can he not?' And his won-lost record is the yardstick."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Marx, Greg, DT, Notre Dame; Geredine, Tom, WR, N. E. Missouri; Bebout, Nick, T, Wyoming; Campbell, George, DB, Iowa State; Reed, Tom, G, Arkansas; Ingram, Russell, C, Texas Tech; Mike-Mayer, Nick, K, Temple; Buelow, Bryon, DB, Lacrosse, Wis.; Samples, Mike, LB, Drake; Stecher, Chris, T, Claremont-Mudd; Madeya, John, QB, Louisville; Gage, Thomas, DB, Lamar; Ferguson, Rufus, RB, Wisconsin; Hodge, Jim, WR, Arkansas.

ATLANTA FALCONS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Atl.	Opp.
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	BALTIMORE	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	NEW ENGLAND	8:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	Cleveland (Knoxville)	7:30	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	at Cincinnati	8:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	at Pittsburgh	8:00	—	—

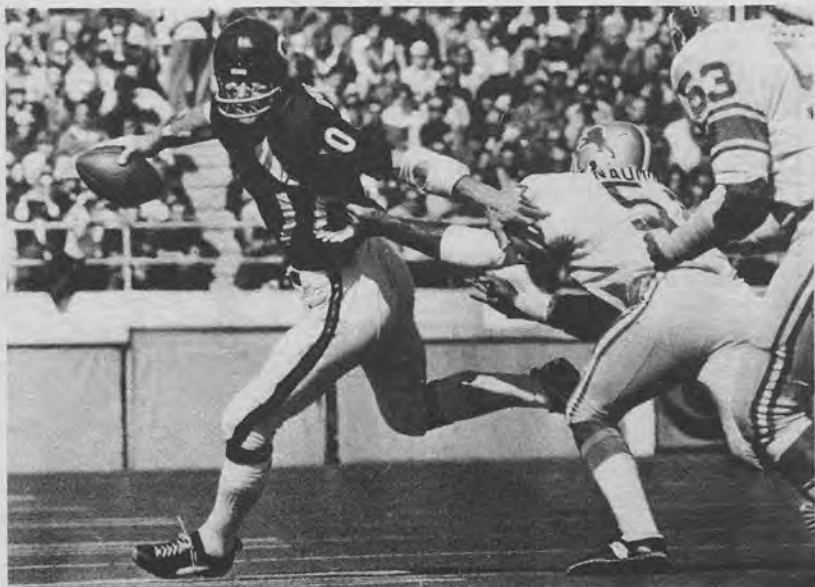
ATLANTA FALCONS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Atl.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at New Orleans	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at Los Angeles	1:00	—	—
Oct. 1 (Mon.)	at Detroit	9:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at San Diego	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	LOS ANGELES	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at Philadelphia	1:00	—	—
Nov. 19 (Mon.)	MINNESOTA	9:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	at New York Jets	4:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	BUFFALO	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	ST. LOUIS	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	NEW ORLEANS	1:00	—	—

CHICAGO BEARS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Ch. of Board: George S. Halas; Pres.: George S. Halas, Jr.; Coach: Abe Gibron; Director of Player Personnel: Bobby Walston; Asst. Coaches: Zeke Bratkowski, Chuck Cherundolo, Whitey Dovell, Bill George, Perry Moss; Trainer: Ed Rozy; Office: 173 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. 60602; Stadium: Soldier Field (55,049); Colors: Orange, Navy Blue and White; Training Camp: St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind.



Bobby Douglass, ball clutched precariously, tries to evade the grab of Lions' Paul Naumoff. Bobby may be a better halfback than quarterback.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC CENTRAL: Chicago (4)*, Detroit (2), Green Bay (1), Minnesota (3).
*1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 4, Lost 9, Tied 1

STRENGTHS: Running backs who can move the ball; a defense anchored by Dick Butkus that can turn back opponents' running attacks.

WEAKNESSES: Poor passing; a weak pass rush.

The Bears led the NFC in rushing last season and no wonder: They had three running backs on the field at the same time.

CHICAGO BEARS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
79	Antoine, Lionel	T	6-6	255	23	2	Southern Illinois
74	Ahser, Bob	T	6-5	250	25	3	Vanderbilt
-	Beard, Tom	C	6-6	280	24	2	Michigan State
-	Bratkowski, Zeke	QB	6-3	215	41	14	Georgia
31	Brupbacher, Ross	LB	6-3	215	25	4	Texas A&M
55	Buffone, Doug	LB	6-3	230	29	8	Louisville
51	Butkus, Dick	LB	6-3	245	30	9	Illinois
73	Buzin, Rich	T	6-4	250	28	6	Penn State
72	Cadile, Jim	G	6-3	250	33	12	San Jose State
25	Clemons, Craig	CB	5-11	187	24	2	Iowa
53	Coady, Rich	C	6-3	245	28	3	Memphis State
-	Cotton, Craig	TE	6-4	210	25	5	Youngstown
87	DeLong, Steve	DE	6-2	254	30	9	Tennessee
10	Douglass, Bobby	QB	6-4	225	26	5	Kansas ✓
43	Farmer, George	WR	6-4	214	25	4	UCLA
32	Ford, Charlie	CB	6-3	185	25	3	Houston
-	Garrett, Carl	RB	5-11	210	25	5	New Mexico Highlands
88	Green, Bobby Joe	P	5-11	175	37	14	Florida
30	Gunn, Jimmy	LB	6-1	220	24	4	Southern California
75	Hale, Dave	DT	6-8	255	26	4	Ottawa, Kan.
35	Harrison, Jim	RB	6-4	235	24	3	Missouri ✓
-	Harvey, Richard	CB	6-2	190	25	3	Jackson State
61	Holloway, Glen	G	6-3	250	24	4	North Texas State
85	Holman, Willie	DE	6-4	250	28	6	South Carolina State
38	Holmes, Robert	RB	5-9	221	27	6	Southern U.
64	Horton, Larry	DT	6-4	248	24	2	Iowa
7	Huarte, John	QB	6-0	185	30	7	Notre Dame
65	Jackson, Randy	T	6-5	250	29	7	Florida
59	Janet, Ernie	G	6-4	250	24	2	Washington
29	Jeter, Bob	CB	6-1	200	36	11	Iowa
33	Kosins, Gary	RB	6-1	215	24	2	Dayton
36	Lawson, Roger	RB	6-2	215	23	2	Western Michigan
67	Line, Bill	DT	6-7	260	24	2	Southern Methodist
44	Lyle, Garry	S	6-2	198	27	6	George Washington
-	Matlock, John	C	6-3	252	28	6	Miami
71	McGee, Tony	DE	6-4	250	24	3	Bishop
54	McKinney, Bill	LB	6-1	226	28	2	West Texas State
18	Moore, Jerry	S	6-3	208	24	3	Arkansas
49	Moore, Joe	RB	6-1	205	24	2	Missouri ✓
78	Newton, Bob	G	6-4	250	24	3	Nebraska ✓
68	Osborne, Jim	DT	6-3	250	23	2	Southern U.
86	Parsons, Bob	TE	6-4	234	23	2	Penn State
83	Percival, Mac	K	6-4	220	33	7	Texas Tech
58	Pifferini, Bob	LB	6-2	226	23	2	UCLA
22	Pinder, Cyril	RB	6-2	210	26	5	Illinois
70	Rice, Andy	DT	6-2	268	32	8	Texas Southern
84	Seymour, Jim	WR	6-4	210	27	4	Notre Dame
24	Shy, Don	RB	6-1	210	27	7	San Diego State
48	Smith, Ron	S	6-1	195	30	8	Wisconsin
76	Staley, Bill	DT	6-3	250	26	5	Utah State
20	Taylor, Joe	CB	6-1	200	32	7	North Carolina A&T
82	Thomas, Earl	TE	6-3	224	24	3	Houston
21	Turner, Cecil	WR	5-10	176	29	6	Cal Poly-Obispo
89	Wallace, Bob	TE	6-3	220	27	6	Texas-El Paso

No. 1 running back was, of all people, the quarterback. Bobby Douglass took off for 968 yards, a record total for a QB, and a league-leading 6.9-yard average. Running backs Jim Harrison (3.7), Don Shy (3.8) and Cyril Pinder (3.4) made the 1972 Bears an old-fashioned grind-it-out club (even linebacker Dick Butkus lugged the ball, galloping 28 yards after taking the snap as the up-man on the punting unit).

Douglass bolted out of the pocket so often, his critics argued, because he lacked the poise to wait that extra second for a receiver to finish his route and break into the open. And an old NFL axiom is that you don't get beat by quarterbacks who run.

"I view 1972 as a transitional year," Papa Bear George Halas said at season's end. "And the progress Abe Gibrón made is encouraging. He restored discipline without bruising any egos, and he reinstalled organization with an objective." But if a first objective is No. 1 in the NFC Central, the Bears figure to go through another year of transition.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The lefty-throwing Bobby Douglass tossed the fewest passes of any full-time NFC quarterback, and maybe he knew something because he completed the fewest—only 37%. "Douglass is my quarterback unless or until somebody beats him out for the job," says Gibrón. That somebody may be No. 2 draft choice Gary Huff (Florida State), a prolific college passer. If that happens, look for Douglass to move to running back. Joe Moore, a No. 1 pick a couple of years ago, has yet to play a league game because of injuries. He or Carl Garrett, the tempestuous ex-Patriot who was AFC Rookie of the Year in 1969, should be the other running back. Harrison, Shy and Pinder add depth.

The Bears picked up tight end Craig Cotton from the Lions. "Cotton gives me a good blocker at tight end and shakes Earl Thomas loose as a wide receiver," says Gibrón. From tight end, Thomas led the team last season in pass catches (with only 20). Other receivers are George Farmer, Jim Seymour and rookies Bill Barry (Ole Miss) and Dave Juenger (Ohio).

OFFENSIVE LINE: Douglass was knocked down 32 times trying to pass—but that might have been more his fault than the fault of his line. All those yards gained rushing speak well for the line's ability to punch open holes. The regular center is Rich Coady. The guards figure to be Glen Holloway and Jim Cadile, with Ernie Janet and Bob Newton on hand. First-round draft pick of 1972, Lionel Antoine, was hurt most of the year. He'll try to man one tackle slot with Randy Jackson, Bob Asher, or Rich Buzin on the other side of the line.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Willie Holman comes back from injuries to try to take over at defensive end with Steve DeLong on the other side and Tony McGee also contending for a spot. At tackle Dave Hale, who missed all of 1972, will be on hand, along with Bill Staley, Larry Horton and Bill Line. No. 1 draft pick Wally Chambers (Eastern Kentucky) is a 6-6 250-pound defensive end and No. 2 choice Gary Hrivnak (Purdue) is a 6-5 tackle. They figure to get good shots at taking somebody's job. Gibrón will

BEARS' 1972 RECORD: WON 4, LOST 9, TIED 1

21	*Atlanta	37	0	Detroit	14
13	*Los Angeles	13	17	*Green Bay	23
24	*Detroit	38	21	*San Francisco	34
17	Green Bay	20	3	*Cincinnati	13
17	Cleveland	0	10	Minnesota	23
13	*Minnesota	10	21	Philadelphia	12
27	St. Louis	10	21	Oakland	28

Total Bear Pts.: 225 Total Opp. Pts.: 275 *Home Games

shuffle this unit looking for a more awesome pass rush. "I want to see that other quarterback sacked more often," he says, no doubt thinking of the 9 times Douglass fumbled last year when hit.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Dick Butkus is the mainstay at middle linebacker with Doug Buffone on one side and Ross Brupbacher or Bob Pifferini, a second-year man, on the other. Charlie Ford will be at one corner with veteran Bob Jeter or second-year man Craig Clemons at the other corner. Garry Lyle, out all last season, will vie with Ron Smith and Jerry Moore at safeties. Gibron will be looking at these rookies to take a job in the deep secondary: Allan Ellis (UCLA), Conrad Graham (Tennessee) and Larry Roach (Oklahoma).

SPECIALISTS: Mac Percival is only a .500 field goal kicker and will get a strong challenge from rookie Eddie Seigler (Clemson), a soccer-style kicker who has kicked two 52-yarders. Bobby Joe Green (41.2) is a capable punter and Ron Smith is the best kickoff-returner in the NFC.

OUTLOOK: Unless—and this is unlikely—Huff can step in at quarterback, this will be a Bear team pulling itself together while waiting at the station for a passer.

THE BEAR STARS

DICK BUTKUS Linebacker No. 51
Illinois 6-3 245

9th Year
Dec. 9, 1942



Despite loose ligaments in a knee, Butkus continues to be the Bears' monster in the middle ... Even caught a pass on a missed conversion attempt for one point in a 21-12 victory over the Eagles ... It was his second extra-point catch of his career ... Caught another in 1971, "but on that one I had to run a little pattern" ... Calls signals for special teams, such as signaling a reverse for the kickoff-return team ... In 1971 a magazine story

speculated that Butkus' battered knee might slow him down and that he would be replaced as football's best middle linebacker, predicted the article, by Baltimore's Mike Curtis . . . "When I read that story, I sat down and had a long talk with my knee. I told my knee all about it. All during camp when I felt like taking it easy, I reminded my knee about Mike Curtis" . . . Last season he noticed in game films the great rush of Vikings in kicking situations . . . In the ensuing game he called a fake punt and a fake field goal that led to key first downs in Bear triumph.

JIM HARRISON Running Back No. 35
Missouri 6-4 235

3rd Year
Sept. 10, 1948



Was used primarily as a blocking back at Missouri until his senior year when Joe Moore was injured . . . Harrison took over and gained 5.5 yards a crack . . . Both he and Moore were drafted one-two by the Bears . . . Spent most of his rookie year in 1971 on the taxi squad . . . Moore was injured in a 1972 pre-season game and again Harrison replaced him . . . Was the leading rusher among the Bear running backs, gaining 622 yards for a 3.7 average . . . Caught 8 passes for 30 yards . . . "There's no reason why he can't carry 30 times a game," says Gibron. "Jim is that much of a moose" . . . Known as The Silent Man on the Bears . . . Doesn't have a telephone at home.

BOBBY DOUGLASS Quarterback No. 10
Kansas 6-4 225

5th Year
June 22, 1947



Some people think he'd make a better halfback than a quarterback . . . Rushed last season for 968 yards, an astonishing total for a QB . . . Gained 6.9 yards a rush . . . Ran 57 yards for one of his eight touchdowns . . . A lefthanded thrower, he completed only 37.9% of his passes and had 6.1% intercepted . . . Ranked 12th among NFC passers . . . At least half of his running yardage gained by scrambling on pass plays . . . Critics contend he has trouble spotting the secondary receiver and runs when he should pass to an open man . . . Bears have simplified pass routes . . . "I don't regard myself as a running quarterback," he insists . . . Broke Greg Landry's league record (530 yards) for a rushing quarterback . . . "When he learns to read defenses," says Abe Gibron, "he'll really be something. He already has the arm, the physique, the desire."

THE BEARS' BIG PLAY

The Bears call this their I-Right-18 option. The quarterback either gives to the fullback, keeps or pitches to the trailing back. "This gives us three options," says Abe Gbron. "No one but the quarterback knows who will get the ball."



DOUG BUFFONE Linebacker No. 55
Louisville 6-3 230

8th Year
April 27, 1944



A starter at left linebacker for the Bears since 1967 . . . Intercepted one pass last season . . . Has pulled in 13 in his career, including 4 in 1970 that were the most ever by any outside Bear linebacker . . . Is aware he plays in Dick Butkus' shadow . . . "I don't care how much publicity Dick gets," he says, "he deserves it. I know I feel better seeing No. 51 next to me. He'd be top dog on any team" . . . Owns the Nickel Bar near O'Hare Field . . . Has served on the President's Commission on Drug Abuse and also conducts a summer football camp in Naperville, Ill.

MAC PERCIVAL Kicker No. 83
Texas Tech 6-4 220

7th Year
Feb. 26, 1940



A poor 1-for-9 ratio in kicking beyond the 40-yard line dropped his field-goal success rate to only 50%—11th in the NFL last season . . . Booted 6 of 6 from inside the 20; 3 of 4 from inside the 30; 2 of 4 from inside the 40; and 1 of 9 from inside the 50 . . . His average on successful field goals was only 21.5 yards, indicating he has what the coaches call "a short leg" . . . Ideal time to boot a field goal is 1.3 seconds, he says . . . "If you take longer than 1.5 seconds, you have a good chance of it being blocked by the outside rushers" . . . Entered a Dallas Cowboy talent contest for kickers at the instigation of his wife, Lady Jane, and was signed as a free agent in 1967, then sold to the Bears . . . Likes to strum the guitar and sing western songs.

EARL THOMAS Tight End No. 82
Houston 6-3 224

3rd Year
Oct. 4, 1948



After being a backup man for Bob Wallace in 1971, got a chance to play in 1972 and caught 20 passes for 365 yards ... Scored three touchdowns ... His nickname is "Mackey" because he patterned his play in college after John Mackey ... Likes rock music and the outdoor life ... Improved his blocking in 1972 ... "I learned how to use my head to strike the defensive man on the biggest part of his body," he says. "I'm not as strong as those 260-pound guys. By using my quickness I can get my head to the point of attack, and I can make my block. When your head's the first part of the impact, they can't do anything with you."

RON SMITH Cornerback No. 48
Wisconsin 6-1 195

9th Year
May 3, 1943



After being signed as a free agent with the Bears in 1965, bounced to the Falcons and then to the Rams before returning to the Bears in 1970 ... Friends call him Pinto because of his freckles and his speed ... Leading NFC punt-returner with 26 ... Returned them an average of 6.3 yards ... Of punt returning, he says, "If I was afraid I wouldn't be of help to the team. Anyway I don't think there is a man big enough in this league to tear me apart. And when I get going the combination of my weight and my speed equalizes matters against those 260 pounders" ... Has been a running back as well as a cornerback and safety.

CARL GARRETT Running Back
New Mexico Highlands 6-0 215

5th Year
Aug. 31, 1947



Suspended for missing practice by New England Patriot coach Phil Bengtson, later reinstated for remainder of season by Pete Rozelle ... Then shipped to the Bears ... Had been traded a year earlier to the Cowboys for Duane Thomas but came back to New England when Thomas left the Patriots ... Gained 488 yards for the Patriots in 131 attempts ... Caught 30 passes for another 410 yards ... As a rookie he predicted he would beat out O.J. Simpson for rookie-of-the-year honors—and he did ... Could be an All-Pro if he settles down ... "Football is a team game," he says. "If you want to win by yourself, take up another sport—like poker."

TOP ROOKIE

WALLY CHAMBERS Defensive End 6-5 251

Eastern Kentucky

Picked by the pro scouts for the Time All-American ... Was the first pick of the Bears ... "A natural," says one scout, "who will equalize his lack of college competition (playing against small schools) within the first

TIP FROM THE COACH

Abe Gibrón on what he wants from his football team: "... 40 guys who want to play football that punishes the opposition on offense and defense. Anybody that doesn't want to, let him go some place else, squeeze grapes and throw the juice at the other people. I want none of that here!"

two weeks of training camp." ... Says another: "What can you say about a hugh roughneck who is fast enough to overhaul running backs downfield?" ... Could be an All-Pro within a couple of years, say scouts.

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Chambers, Wallace, DE, Eastern Kentucky; Huff, Gary, QB, Florida State; Hrivnak, Gary, DT, Purdue; Ellis, Alan, DB, UCLA; Creaney, Mike, C, Notre Dame; Graham, Conrad, DB, Tennessee; Deutsch, Mike, RB, North Dakota; Barry, William, WR, Mississippi; Siegler, Ed, K, Clemson; Griffin, Mike, G, Arkansas; Cieszkowski, John, RB, Notre Dame; Juenger, Dave, WR, Ohio U.; Rives, Don, LB, Texas Tech; Hart, Bill, C, Michigan; Roach, Larry, DB, Oklahoma.

CHICAGO BEARS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

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Aug. 4 (Sat.)	Green Bay (Mil.)	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	at Houston	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	at Miami	8:00	—	—
Aug. 26 (Sun.)	at Buffalo	1:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	at St. Louis	8:00	—	—
Sept. 9 (Sun.)	at Washington	1:00	—	—

CHICAGO BEARS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

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DALLAS COWBOYS

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Cowboys' Ron Sellers (88) tenses to catch the winning TD pass in the closing minutes of the playoff victory over 49ers.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC EAST: Dallas (2),* New York Giants (3), Philadelphia (5), St. Louis (4), Washington (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 10, Lost 4

STRENGTHS: A miracle-worker quarterback in Roger Staubach; good overall offense; best defense against the rush in the league.

WEAKNESSES: No established tight end; poor pass rush which would be weakened further by loss of Bob Lilly; a lack of high draft choices over seven winning years may now be felt in lack of depth.

For the first time since 1965 the Cowboys failed to win a divisional title. But the Cowboys hoofed into the playoffs with the NFL's best second-place record. And although beaten for the NFC championship by

DALLAS COWBOYS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

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53	Babinecz, John	LB	6-1	222	23	2	Villanova
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84	Fuggett, Jean	TE	6-3	219	21	2	Amherst
32	Garrison, Walt	RB	6-0	205	29	8	Oklahoma State ✓
34	Green, Cornell	S	6-3	208	33	12	Utah State
77	Gregory, Bill	DT	6-5	255	23	3	Wisconsin
43	Harris, Cliff	S	6-0	184	24	4	Ouachita
22	Hayes, Bob	WR	5-11	185	30	9	Florida A&M
35	Hill, Calvin	RB	6-4	227	26	5	Yale
54	Howley, Chuck	LB	6-2	225	37	15	West Virginia
55	Jordan, Lee Roy	LB	6-1	221	32	11	Alabama
57	Keller, Mike	LB	6-4	221	22	2	Michigan
50	Lewis, D. D.	LB	6-1	225	27	5	Mississippi State
74	Lilly, Bob	DT	6-5	260	34	13	Texas Christian
51	Manders, Dave	C	6-2	250	32	9	Michigan State
23	Montgomery, Mike	RB	6-2	210	24	3	Kansas State ✓
14	Morton, Craig	QB	6-4	214	30	9	California
73	Neely, Ralph	T	6-6	265	29	9	Oklahoma ✓
44	Newhouse, Robert	RB	5-10	202	23	2	Houston
76	Niland, John	G	6-3	245	29	8	Iowa
61	Nye, Blaine	G	6-4	251	27	6	Stanford
75	Pugh, Jethro	DT	6-6	260	29	9	Elizabeth City
30	Reeves, Dan	RB	6-1	200	29	9	South Carolina
20	Renfro, Mel	CB	6-0	190	31	10	Oregon
—	Stowe, Otto	WR	6-2	188	24	3	Iowa State ✓
12	Staubach, Roger	QB	6-3	197	31	5	Navy
72	Talbert, Don	T	6-5	255	32	9	Texas
27	Thomas, Bill	RB	6-2	225	23	2	Boston College
67	Toomay, Pat	DE	6-5	247	25	4	Vanderbilt
87	Truax, Billy	TE	6-5	240	30	10	Louisiana State
71	Wallace, Rodney	G	6-5	255	24	3	New Mexico
46	Washington, Mark	CB	5-10	188	25	4	Morgan State
41	Waters, Charlie	CB	6-1	193	24	4	Clemson
70	Wright, Rayfield	T	6-6	255	28	7	Fort Valley State

Washington, 26-3, the Cowboys turned in perhaps the most exciting of all the playoff performances. In the NFC divisional playoff, they were losing, 28-13, to the 49ers midway through the third period. Then onto the field stalked Roger Staubach, missing for all but a few minutes of the season after a pre-season shoulder injury. He threw two touchdown passes in the closing minutes of the game and the Cowboys were last-second 30-28 winners.

The return of a healthy Staubach has got to give hope to the Cowboys. What they must also hope for is relief from the plague of injuries that cut down their defensive linemen last season. People like Pat Toomay, George Andrie, Larry Cole, Tody Smith, Bill Gregory, Jethro Pugh and—most important—perennial All-Pro Bob Lilly were playing hurt for most or all of the season. Yet the Cowboys were best in the NFC against the rush while poor against the pass. Explained Lilly: "The injuries didn't bother me much against the run. But they took away at least half of my effectiveness on the pass rush, where you have to move around to break through."

As usual, there are internal problems at Dallas. Wide receiver Bob Hayes has said firmly that he wants to be traded. And look for the "Who's No. 1?" debate to flare up again as Staubach takes over from Craig Morton, who led the team to that respectable 10-4 mark.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Staubach was No. 1 until he hurt his shoulder. Morton ranked seventh in the league in passing effectiveness and the Cowboys were No. 2 (behind the Giants) in total offense. But Morton lacks the Roger The Dodger charisma that lifts tired teams in the second half (when the Cowboys were notably sluggish last season). And Staubach is probably the better overall QB—if his scrambling doesn't get him into any more hospitals. Running backs Calvin Hill and Walt Garrison ranked No. 3 and No. 9 in the NFC last year. Bill Thomas, a No. 1 draft pick last season, and Bob Newhouse are in reserve.

Ron Sellers beat out Bob Hayes at one wide-receiver spot last season but Sellers is gone. Otto Stowe, who Dallas got in a trade for Sellers, now vies with Hayes. Billy Parks is gone, too, so Lance Alworth's job seems safe. Morton threw mostly to his backs, Garrison and Hill. Staubach figures to give his wide receivers more action. Tight end Mike Ditka has retired, but rookie Billy Joe DuPree (Michigan State) comes highly recommended and could be a starter. Another rookie, Goldie Richards, could take Hayes' spot at wide receiver.

OFFENSIVE LINE: This is a blockbuster of a unit, spearheaded by All-Pros John Niland at guard and Rayfield Wright at tackle. Ralph Neeley mans the other tackle and Blaine Nye the other guard spot, and they are two of the best in their profession. Dave Manders is a much under-rated center.

DEFENSIVE LINE: "A slowed-down Lilly cost us a third of our efficiency," says defensive coach Ernie Stautner. So the question is: How will the 34-year-old Lilly, probably the best tackle of all time, bounce

COWBOYS' 1972 RECORD: WON 10, LOST 4

28	*Philadelphia	6	34	San Diego	28
23	New York Giants	14	33	*St. Louis	24
13	Green Bay (Mil)	16	28	Philadelphia	7
17	*Pittsburgh	13	10	*San Francisco	31
21	Baltimore	0	27	St. Louis	6
20	Washington	24	34	*Washington	24
28	*Detroit	24	3	*New York Giants	23

Total Cowboy Pts.: 319 Total Opp. Pts.: 240 *Home Games

POST-SEASON GAMES

Dallas 30, San Francisco 28 (NFC Divisional Playoff)

Washington 26, Dallas 3 (NFC Championship Game)

back from the bone spur and ruptured leg muscle that hobbled him all last season? The other tackle, Jethro Pugh, is only 29 and figures to be sound. And the ends are Pat Toomay, Larry Cole and/or George Andrie. But if Lilly can't come back, the Cowboys won't have their terrorizing old-time pass rush.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Lee Roy Jordan at middle linebacker, Dave Edwards on the right and D.D. Lewis on the left give the Cowboys solid secondary strength. A new face here may be rookie Carl Johnson (Tennessee), only a 10th-round pick but highly rated by the scouts.

Cornell Green, at left safety, is an All-Pro. At one corner is Charlie Waters, who led the team in interceptions with 6. Mel Renfro, another All-Pro, is at the other corner and Cliff Harris is the other safety. A good, experienced bunch, but the Cowboys ranked only 10th of 13 in interceptions last season, perhaps because of the poor pass rush. But relentless Tom Landry figures to be looking for improvement here.

SPECIALISTS: Soccer-stylist Ted Fritsch was 11 for 11 inside the 30, a .500 kicker inside the 40. Marv Bateman ranked dead-last among the NFC punters. The kick-return teams were only fair.

OUTLOOK: Dallas still looks like a one-two team in the NFC East, especially with Staubach returning (the Cowboys have lost only one game in which he started and finished). But an ineffective Bob Lilly could mean that Roger would have to put more points on the board for the Cowboys to be winners.

THE COWBOY STARS

CALVIN HILL Running Back No. 35
Yale 6-4 227

5th Year
January 2, 1947



The rampaging Hill came back from a so-so 1971 season in which he was hampered by knee injuries . . . Named to the Pro Bowl squad for the second time in four years . . . Was third in the NFC with 1,036 yards and a 4.2 average . . . Also a fine pass catcher . . . Led the Cowboys in pass receptions in 1972 with 43 . . . Ranked 10th in the NFC . . . Averaged 8.5 yards a catch . . . Scored 9 touchdowns on pass catches, another 6 by rushing . . . "He keeps driving," says Atlanta defensive end John Zook. "You have to get fierce with him or he'll tear loose" . . . Veteran Dallas linebacker Chuck Howley has scrimmaged against Calvin . . . "Most difficult back I've ever had to cover," Howley says. "He's traveling a lot faster than he looks. He sort of lazes at you and all of a sudden he's on you" . . . He thinks some players resent his being out of the lineup with injuries . . . "It's frustrating when you've given your all especially when you see guys you don't think are doing the same thing. I learned you can't go 100 percent all the time . . . sometimes you got to go down or go out of bounds."

LEE ROY JORDAN Linebacker No. 55
Alabama 6-1 221

11th Year
April 27, 1941



Smallest middle linebacker in the NFC . . . Intercepted two passes in 1972 . . . Has 18 interceptions in a career dating back to 1963, when he was the first draft choice of the Cowboys . . . "I like to think I'm aggressive. If I take a fair shot at a man, it reflects my dedication. I try to hit him as hard as I can because he would do the same to me. That's what the game is all about—hitting . . . "If Jordan weighed as much as Dick Butkus," says a Cowboy coach, "they'd have to outlaw him from football" . . . "For years," says Lee Roy, "I have been unable to hold any weight. For two or three years I took antibiotics and gained. Then I had bad tonsils and lost the weight."

BOB LILLY Defensive Tackle No. 74
Texas Christian 6-5 260

13th Year
July 26, 1939



Often called the best tackle who every played . . . Named to the Pro Bowl for the 10th time . . . Injured his back in mid-season and could not play up to his high standards . . . Took himself out of San Francisco playoff game . . . Got his great strength, he says, "from bailing hay and kicking cows where they sit down. I never lifted weights. When I was in the eighth grade I was a skinny 6-3 and 155 pounds. One day I woke up and I was as big as a

WALT GARRISON Running Back No. 32
Oklahoma State 6-0 205

8th Year
July 23, 1944



A real-life cowboy, Walt spends his off-seasons roping calves and bulldoging on the rodeo circuit . . . Also works as a cowboy on his father-in-law's farm near Lewiston, Texas, where Walt grew up . . . Became a full-time player again with the leaving of Duane Thomas, teaming with Calvin Hill to give the Cowboys a powerful big-back offense . . . Hill ranked third in NFC rushing, Garrison ninth . . . Walt gained 784 yards, an average of 4.7 a wallop . . . Also caught 37 passes for an average gain of 10 yards . . . Scored 10 TDs . . . Has a wry sense of humor . . . "Some guys think they're faster in white shoes. But tell me something: Suppose you put a white shoe on one foot and a black shoe on the other? Would one foot be faster?"

CORNELL GREEN Safety No. 34
Utah State 6-3 208

12th Year
Feb. 10, 1940



For the fifth time in his 11 seasons in the NFL, Cornell Green was the starting safety in the Pro Bowl . . . Had been an All-Star cornerback up until 1970 . . . Says he likes safety . . . "I have somebody to talk to now—the other safety. Used to be when I was a cornerback, I only had the wide receiver to talk to. And sometimes he wouldn't talk to me" . . . Intercepted two passes, returning both a grand total of one yard . . . His brother, Pumpsie, played for the baseball Red Sox and the Mets . . . "You have to make it to the Super Bowl on defense. The offense has its good days and bad days. One guy on offense can have a bad day and throw everything off. So much depends on the quarterback or running backs or the receivers. On defense one man can have a bad day but you can cover for him. Our defense feels if you can hold the other team to 12 to 17 points, we'll win every time."

TOP ROOKIES

BILLY JOE DuPREE Tight End 6-4 216

Michigan State

The first choice of the Cowboys . . . A number-two pick of the pro scouts on the Time All-America behind USC's Charlie Young . . . With Mike Ditka retired as a player, he will nudge Billy Truax for the starting role . . . Figures to get a little heavier than his listed weight . . . Called a "blue chip" prospect by one scout.

GOLDIE RICHARDS Wide Receiver 6-2 200

Hawaii

The number-two choice of the Cowboys . . . He may succeed Bob Hayes as a wide receiver in the Cowboy offense . . . Originally matriculated at Brigham Young and transferred across the Pacific.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"If there's any one person who really exemplifies the Dallas Cowboys, it's Bob Lilly," says Tom Landry. "He leads us in everything we do. There won't be another Bob Lilly in my time. You're observing a man who will become a legend."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: DuPree, Billy Joe, TE, Michigan State; Richards, Golden, WR, Hawaii; Martin, Harvey Banks, DE, East Texas State; Scrivener, Drane, DB, Tulsa; Walton, Bruce, T, UCLA; Leyen, Bob, G, Yale; Barnes, Rodrigo, LB, Rice; Werner, Dan, QB, Michigan State; White, Mike, DB, Minnesota; Johnson, Carl, LB, Tennessee; Caswell, Gerald, G, Colorado State; Arneson, Jim, G, Arizona; Smith, John, WR, UCLA; Thornton, Bob, G, North Carolina; Baisy, Walt, LB, Grambling; Conley, John, TE, Hawaii; Strayhorn, Leslie, RB, East Carolina.

DALLAS COWBOYS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Dal.	Opp.
Aug. 3 (Fri.)	at Los Angeles	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	at Oakland	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	NEW ORLEANS	8:00	—	—
Aug. 23 (Thurs.)	at Houston	8:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	KANSAS CITY	8:00	—	—
Sept. 6 (Thurs.)	MIAMI	8:00	—	—

DALLAS COWBOYS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Dall.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at Chicago	1:00	—	—
Sept. 24 (Mon.)	NEW ORLEANS	8:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	ST. LOUIS	1:00	—	—
Oct. 8 (Mon.)	at Washington	9:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	at Los Angeles	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	NEW YORK GIANTS	3:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at Philadelphia	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	CINCINNATI	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at New York Giants	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	PHILADELPHIA	1:00	—	—
Nov. 22 (Thurs.)	MIAMI	2:30	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at Denver	2:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	WASHINGTON	3:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at St. Louis	1:00	—	—

DETROIT LIONS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: William Clay Ford; V.P. & Gen. Mgr.: Russ Thomas; Coach: Don McCafferty; Asst. Coaches: Raymond Berry, Leon McLaughlin, Rick Forzano, Ed Khayat, John Meyer, Bob Hollway; Trainer: Kent Falb; Office: 1401 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48216; Stadium: Tiger Stadium (54,088); Colors: Honolulu Blue and Silver; Training Camp: Bloomfield Hills, Mich.



Big Steve Owens powers his way by Atlanta's Clarence Ellis to score a touchdown. The Lions missed Owens when a rib injury benched him.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC CENTRAL: Chicago (4)*, Detroit (2), Green Bay (1), Minnesota (3).
*1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 8, Lost 5, Tied 1

STRENGTHS: Two excellent quarterbacks; a good offensive line; and good running backs with quarterback Greg Landry running the option.

WEAKNESSES: The defensive line needs to be fortified; it was weak against the run; no depth at running back; tight end Charlie Sanders must bounce back from injuries for the Lions to be serious contenders.

DETROIT LIONS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
86	Barnes, Al	WR	6-1	170	24	3	New Mexico State
20	Barney, Lem	CB	6-0	188	27	7	Jackson State
73	Bell, Bob	DT	6-4	250	25	3	Cincinnati
48	Campbell, Sonny	RB	5-11	195	25	3	Northern Arizona
17	Cappleman, Bill	QB	6-3	210	26	2	Florida State
40	Eddy, Dick	RB	6-1	210	29	5	Notre Dame
24	Farr, Mel	RB	6-2	210	28	7	UCLA
54	Flanagan, Ed	C	6-3	245	29	9	Purdue
76	Freitas, Rockne	T	6-6	270	27	6	Oregon State
68	Gallagher, Frank	G	6-2	245	30	7	North Carolina
77	Gordon, John	DT	6-6	260	25	2	Hawaii
58	Hamlin, Gene	C	6-3	240	27	4	Western Michigan
74	Hand, Larry	DE	6-4	250	33	9	Appalachian State
81	Hilton, John	TE	6-5	225	31	9	Richmond
31	Jenkins, Leon	S	5-11	165	23	2	West Virginia
89	Jessie, Ron	WR	6-0	183	25	3	Kansas ✓
64	Jolley, Gordon	T	6-5	230	24	2	Utah
66	Kowalkowski, Bob	G	6-3	240	29	8	Virginia
11	Landry, Greg	QB	6-4	210	26	6	Massachusetts
53	Lucci, Mike	LB	6-2	230	33	12	Tennessee
12	Mann, Errol	K	6-0	200	32	6	North Dakota
25	McCullouch, Earl	WR	5-11	175	27	6	Southern California
83	Mitchell, Jim	DE	6-3	245	24	4	Virginia State
62	Mooney, Ed	LB	6-2	225	28	5	Texas Tech
19	Munson, Bill	QB	6-2	210	32	10	Utah State
50	Naumoff, Paul	LB	6-1	215	28	7	Tennessee
58	Ogle, Rick	LB	6-3	230	24	3	Colorado ✓
80	Orvis, Herb	DE	6-5	240	26	2	Colorado ✓
36	Owens, Steve	RB	6-2	215	25	4	Oklahoma ✓
27	Potts, Charlie	S	6-3	210	24	2	Purdue
67	Rasley, Rocky	G	6-3	250	26	4	Oregon State
47	Rasmussen, Wayne	S	6-2	180	31	10	South Dakota State
46	Redmond, Rudy	CB	6-1	195	26	5	Pacific
88	Sanders, Charlie	TE	6-4	225	27	6	Minnesota
82	Sanders, Ken	DE	6-5	225	23	2	Howard Payne
84	Schmiesing, Joe	DT	6-4	245	28	6	New Mexico State
71	Tatarek, Bob	DT	6-4	270	27	6	Miami
42	Taylor, Altie	RB	5-10	200	25	5	Utah State
65	Thompson, Dave	C-G	6-4	260	24	3	Clemson
21	Thrower, Jim	CB	6-2	195	25	3	East Texas State
38	Triplett, Bill	RB	6-2	215	33	11	Miami, Ohio
55	Walker, Wayne	LB	6-2	228	35	16	Idaho ✓
63	Walton, Chuck	G	6-3	255	32	7	Iowa State
49	Walton, Larry	WR	6-0	180	26	5	Arizona State
59	Weaver, Charlie	LB	6-2	218	24	3	Southern California
18	Weaver, Herman	P	6-4	210	24	4	Tennessee
28	Weger, Mike	S	6-2	200	27	7	Bowling Green
70	Woods, Larry	DT	6-6	260	25	3	Tennessee State
75	Yarbrough, Jim	T	6-5	265	26	5	Florida
34	Zofko, Mickey	RB	6-3	195	24	3	Auburn

Ex-coach Joe Schmidt liked to point out that only teams with good defenses went to the playoffs. Somehow the old linebacker could never put together a strong defense in Detroit and he paid dearly for that fault: he paid with his job. Last year the Lions, who finished only a thin margin behind Green Bay in the NFC Central, were done in by a defense that was next-to-worst in the NFC against the rush. That points to problems in the front line and among the linebackers. New coach Don McCafferty, fresh from the Baltimore wars, will be looking to stock those units with new faces. Of the first six draft choices, three were defensive linemen or linebackers, the most notable being No. 1 choice Ernie Price, a defensive end out of Texas A & I.

McCafferty has two experienced quarterbacks—Greg Landry and Bill Munson. The Lions tried to trade Munson for defensive help and may still do so before the season begins.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Greg Landry ranked sixth among NFC passers last season, completing an even 50% of his passes, 18 for touchdowns. And he was the team's second-best runner, galloping for 519 yards, mostly on the option play. Altie Taylor and Steve Owens are the two running backs. Taylor led the team with 658 yards and Owens gained 519 despite having missed four games because of a rib injury. Mel Farr and Nick Eddy are in reserve, but neither has been 100% healthy for several seasons. The Lions' No. 2 draft choice was a big running back, Leon Crosswhite (Oklahoma), but he too has a history of being injury prone. Dick Jauron, a back out of Yale who broke some of Calvin Hill's records, was a fourth-round choice.

Tight end Charley Sanders missed five games last season with a separated shoulder, yet he was the team's second leading pass catcher with 27. Altie Taylor led with 29. Sanders has been bothered by injuries the past two seasons; his absence could be fatal to the division hopes of a team that has no other outstanding pass receiver. The wide receivers are Larry Walton and Ron Jessie, each of whom caught 24.

OFFENSIVE LINE: This is a set, experienced unit. Larry Flanagan is the center, Chuck Walton and Frank Gallagher the guards, Jim Yarbrough and Rocky Freitas the tackles. Freitas went to the Pro Bowl and was voted the Most Valuable Lion on offense. The Lions think so much of this unit that they drafted only two offensive linemen among their 17 picks. Bob Kowalkowski, Rocky Rasley, and Gene Hamlin are the top reserves.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Larry Hand and Jim Mitchell are the ends. Hand was voted the team's Most Valuable on defense. The tackles are Herb Orvis and Bob Bell but Larry Woods may win one of the tackle jobs. This unit will be shuffled, with No. 1 draft choice Ernie Price getting a shot at an end or tackle position and a seventh-round choice, John Andrews (Morgan State), joining the battle for a tackle job.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Mike Lucci is an able middle linebacker. Paul Naumoff will be on the left side. Wayne Walker has announced his

LIONS' 1972 RECORD: WON 8, LOST 5, TIED 1

30	*New York Giants	16	14	*Chicago	0
10	*Minnesota	34	14	Minnesota	16
38	Chicago	24	27	*New Orleans	14
26	Atlanta	23	37	*New York Jets	20
23	*Green Bay	24	7	Green Bay	33
34	*San Diego	20	21	Buffalo	21
24	Dallas	28	34	Los Angeles	17

Total Lion Pts.: 339 Total Opp. Pts.: 290 *Home Games

retirement so there will be an open spot on the right side. Charlie Weaver, a third-year man, figures to get first shot at the job. But two high draft choices, Jim LaSlavic (Penn State) and Mike Hennigan (Tennessee Tech), will get the chance to fill in here.

Lem Barney and Rudy Redmond will be on the corners. Barney is an All-Pro and among the best. Mike Weger figures to be one of the safeties. Wayne Rasmussen, a veteran, and Charlie Potts, a second-year man, will be among the candidates for the other safety spot, along with rookie Levi Johnson (Texas A & I), a third-round pick.

SPECIALISTS: Errol Mann led the NFC kickers in accuracy, toeing 69% through the crossbars. Although he has never been known for his long kicks, he made one last season of 51 yards. Herman Weaver holds the punting job but will be challenged by Joe Zuger, an old-timer out of the Canadian league. Weaver's average was 40.3. Lem Barney, Ron Jessie and Larry Walton run back the kicks and do it well enough.

OUTLOOK: The Lions play a tough schedule that includes five of the eight 1972 playoff teams. Don McCafferty is a sound coach but there may be too many defensive problems at Detroit for him to solve in one year.

THE LION STARS

GREG LANDRY Quarterback No. 11
Massachusetts 6-4 210

6th Year
Dec. 18, 1946



Slides along the line on the option play for the Lions and last year was second only to Bobby Douglass in rushing among the NFC quarterbacks... Outgained all the Lion backs except Altie Taylor... Ran 81 times for 524 yards, a spectacular 6.5 average... Scored nine touchdowns rushing, the most of any QB... Unlike Douglass, who is not a good passer, he can throw the ball with the best of them and ranked sixth among NFC passers last

season . . . Completed an even 50% of his 268 passes . . . Threw 18 for TDs, tying for second among NFC quarterbacks . . . But had a high 6.3% intercepted . . . Signed a three-year \$400,000 contract in 1972 . . . "I figure I'm less likely to get hurt running than standing helpless in the pocket," he says. "A quarterback who can run adds a new dimension to the offense, and the proof is Roger Staubach. Even coaches who say they're against running QBs slip when they say, 'He'll kill you with the run if you're not careful.'"

MIKE LUCCI Linebacker No. 53
Tennessee 6-2 230

12th Year
Dec. 29, 1940



Comes from Joe Namath land, the hill country of western Pennsylvania . . . Was a starter for three years with the Browns before coming to the Lions in 1965 . . . Replaced Joe Schmidt at middle linebacker . . . Intercepted two passes last season . . . Waged a feud with Dick Butkus . . . In his book Butkus wrote that Lucci was trying to make a reputation by criticizing people . . . "I wish he'd try to make the Pro Bowl on the field instead of with his mouth," Butkus wrote . . . Replied Lucci: "I didn't know Butkus could write" . . . He has always played harder against the Bears, he concedes . . . "Butkus is a good player," he says, "but I want people to know there is another good linebacker out there."

ERROL MANN Kicker No. 12
North Dakota 6-0 200

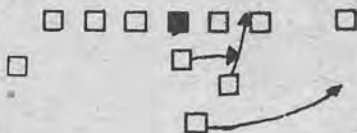
6th Year
June 17, 1941



Ranked No. 1 among NFC field-goal kickers in percentage of success with 20 of 29 for a success rate of .690 . . . Kicked 3 of 3 inside the 20; 5 of 5 inside the 30; 8 of 11 inside the 40; 3 of 9 inside the 50, and one from 51 yards out . . . Fourth highest scorer in the NFC with 98 points . . . "It's a science," he says of kicking . . . His style is conventional . . . Believes soccer-style kickers are not as effective on muddy fields because they need firmer footing when coming in from the side . . . Says that Jan Stenerud is almost a conventional kicker . . . "He comes almost straight at the ball," he says . . . "You are going to make them and miss them. You are going to be a hero and a bum. It's one of the hazards of my game."

THE LIONS' BIG PLAY

New coach Don McCafferty figures to keep this double option play that was so useful last season to the Lions because it makes use of Greg Landry's running skills. Landry fakes a handoff to Steve Owens, then rides along the line. He has the option of pitching back to Altie Taylor or cutting inside or outside.



STEVE OWENS Running Back No.36
Oklahoma 6-2 215

4th Year
Dec. 9, 1947



Fell short of the 1,035-yard mark he reached in 1971, gaining only 519 yards on 143 attempts... Carried 246 times the previous season for a 4.2 average... Averaged 3.6 yards last season... Came to the NFL with a reputation for being a slow starter... "He can be in the NFL 10 years and never gain more than 20 yards," someone said... His longest gain in three seasons has been 23 yards... "There's a place for backs who can go inside and those who can go outside," he says. "I make most of my yardage inside and Altie Taylor goes outside, although he can go inside, too"... Was first Lion to gain more than 1,000 yards rushing... Is a capable receiver and last year caught 15 tosses.

ROCKY FREITAS Offensive Tackle No. 76
Oregon State 6-6 270

6th Year
Sept. 7, 1945



Grew up in Hawaii... A taxi squader for the Lions when he was acquired in 1967 from the Steelers... Had developed into a Pro Bowl performer by 1973... First name is Rockne... Works in the Hawaii House of Representatives in the off-season... "It takes some time to achieve what it takes to be a good offensive lineman," he says. "And once you achieve it the average fan doesn't know who you are, but that's OK. The only time you hear anything about offensive linemen is when you do something wrong. Offensive linemen can't set goals—like keeping linemen off the passer—but we'll work harder on pass plays than on running plays to protect the passer."

MEL FARR Running Back No. 24
UCLA 6-2 210

7th Year
Nov. 3, 1944



Brother of Miller Farr, the Cardinal defensive back ... Saw limited action last season, rushing only 62 times for 216 yards—a 3.5 average—yet scored three touchdowns... Was Sporting News Rookie of the Year in 1967... A first-round draft choice... Caught 10 passes for 132 yards... "All my years in pro ball have been frustrating," he says. "I've never had the chance to do what I know I can do. I know I can run with anyone in football. If I was healthy and played every game the way they do (Albie Taylor and Steve Owens), maybe I'd gain 1,400, maybe 2,000. My performance is not what I'm worried about. It's my health that I'm worried about"... Has been bothered by injuries ever since his soph season, carrying the ball fewer than 100 times over the past two seasons.

LEM BARNEY Cornerback No. 20
Jackson State 6-0 180

7th Year
Sept. 8, 1945



Picked off three passes last season and returned them a total of 88 yards, including one scamper of 64 yards... Named to the Pro Bowl squad for the fourth time in the past six years... "When I was younger," he says, "I thought it pretty cool to gamble by coming up on receivers and stepping in front of them. But as you get older you get wiser. I plan to settle down and play basic, sound football. I always tried to break Night Train Lane's record of 14 interceptions in a season. I was known as a gambling cornerback. Not anymore. Now I play the man"... A second-round "sleeper" draft choice, has been a starter since he was a rookie.

CHARLIE SANDERS Tight End No. 88
Minnesota 6-4 230

6th Year
Aug. 25, 1946



Caught 27 passes last season, a low figure for him, but limped with assorted injuries... Often called Little Mackey because of his admiration for tight end John Mackey... Wears Mackey's No. 88... But makes far more spectacular catches than Mackey ever made and figures to be Lions' greatest pass-catcher ever if injuries don't stop him... Owns a farm in Nebraska with 12 head of cattle on it... "Most of the defenses know I like to go to Sanders," says Greg Landry, "so they're taking him away. You know that if Charlie is open I am going to go to him"... His wife told him, he says, "If you get knocked cold this Sunday don't bother to come home. Every time you get carried off the field, I'm embarrassed."

TOP ROOKIE

ERNIE PRICE Defensive End 6-4 240

Texas A & I

Came to the Lions as the 17th player selected in the draft... Most

TIP FROM THE COACH

"I like a varied offense with a lot of different sets," says new coach Don McCafferty. "There is a definite place in pro-ball for the element of surprise. By loosening up things on our side of the line, I feel we can tighten up the team on the other side . . ."

scouts rate him an excellent prospect for a team desperate for defensive linemen . . . The addition of Ernie Price and linebacker Levi Johnson, also of Texas A & I, may be the first step toward building a new defense.

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Price, Ernest, DE, Texas A&I; Crosswhite, Leon, RB, Oklahoma; Brady, John, TE, Washington; Laslavic, Jim, LB, Penn State; Johnson, Levi, DB, Texas A&I; Hennigan, Mike, LB, Tennessee Tech; Jauron, Dick, RB, Yale; Hooks, Jim, RB, Central State, Okla.; Andrews, John, DT, Morgan State; McCray, Prentice, DB, Arizona State; Bledsoe, John, RB, Ohio State; Dean, Ira, DB, Baylor; Bonner, Ray, DB, Middle Tennessee; Freeman, Scott, WR, Wyoming; Scott, Tom, WR, Washington; Moss, John, LB, Pittsburgh; Corey, Jay, T, Santa Clara; Hansen, Dan, DB, Brigham Young; Nickels, Larry, WR, Dayton; Belgrave, Earl, T, Ohio State.

DETROIT LIONS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Det.	Opp.
Aug. 3 (Fri.)	at Washington	8:00	—	—
Aug. 13 (Mon.)	at Kansas City	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	Baltimore (Memphis)	8:00	—	—
Aug. 24 (Fri.)	CINCINNATI	8:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	at Cleveland	8:00	—	—
Sept. 7 (Fri.)	NEW ENGLAND	8:00	—	—

DETROIT LIONS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Det.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at Pittsburgh	4:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at Green Bay	1:00	—	—
Oct. 1 (Mon.)	ATLANTA	9:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	MINNESOTA	4:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	at New Orleans	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	BALTIMORE	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	GREEN BAY	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	SAN FRANCISCO	4:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at Minnesota	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at Chicago	1:00	—	—
Nov. 22 (Thurs.)	WASHINGTON	12:15	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at St. Louis	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	1:00	—	—
Dec. 15 (Sat.)	at Miami	1:00	—	—

GREEN BAY PACKERS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres. Domenic Olejniczak; Coach and Gen. Mgr.: Dan Devine; Asst. Coaches: Red Cochran, Rollie Dotsch, John Polonchek, Dave Hanner, Burt Gustafson, Don Doll, Hank Kuhlmann; Trainer: Domenic Gentile; Office: 1265 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay, Wis. 54305; Stadiums: Lambeau Field, Green Bay (56,263) and County Stadium, Milwaukee (47,823). Colors: Green and Gold. Training Camp: Green Bay.



Cornerback Willie Buchanan appreciatively eyes a block as he flees with an interception against the Vikings. Packers had NFC's best defense in '72.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC CENTRAL: Chicago (4)*, Detroit (2), Green Bay (1), Minnesota (3).
*1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 10, Lost 4

STRENGTHS: A young, close squad brought together by Dan Devine that believes in itself after rising to first in its conference; a pair of terrorizing running backs; a high-scoring field-goal kicker; a sweeping offensive line; the best defense in the NFC last season.

WEAKNESSES: Scott Hunter still unproven at the sensitive QB position and thus a weak passing game; possible problems at outside linebacker.

Listen, one and all, to the story of the 1972 Packers and their rise from

GREEN BAY PACKERS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
57	Bowman, Ken	C	6-3	230	30	10	Wisconsin
42	Brockington, John	RB	6-1	225	25	3	Ohio State
—	Brown, Aaron	DE	6-5	255	29	7	Minnesota
78	Brown, Bob	DT	6-5	260	33	8	Arkansas AM&N
28	Buchanon, Willie	CB	6-0	190	23	2	San Diego State
53	Carr, Fred	LB	6-5	238	27	6	Texas—El Paso
50	Carter, Jim	LB	6-3	235	25	4	Minnesota
—	Christiansen, Bob	TE	6-4	230	24	2	UCLA
56	Crutcher, Tommy Joe	LB	6-3	230	32	9	Texas Christian
84	Dale, Carroll	WR	6-2	200	35	14	Virginia Tech
47	Davis, Dave	WR	6-0	175	25	3	Tennessee State
48	Ellis, Ken	CB	5-10	190	25	4	Southern U.
—	Enyard, Bill	LB	6-4	235	26	4	Oregon State
88	Garrett, Len	TE	6-3	230	25	3	New Mexico Highlands
41	Gibson, Paul	S	6-2	195	25	2	Texas—El Paso
68	Gillingham, Gale	G	6-3	255	29	8	Minnesota
46	Glass, Leland	WR	6-0	185	23	2	Oregon
21	Hall, Charles	CB	6-1	195	25	3	Pittsburgh
77	Hayhoe, Bill	T	6-8	258	27	5	Southern California
51	Hefner, Larry	LB	6-2	215	24	2	Clemson
39	Hill, Jim	S	6-2	190	26	5	Texas A&I
72	Himes, Dick	T	6-4	244	27	6	Ohio State
23	Hudson, Bob	RB	5-11	210	25	2	Northeast Oklahoma
64	Hunt, Kevin	T	6-5	260	25	2	Doane, Neb.
16	Hunter, Scott	QB	6-2	205	24	3	Alabama
40	Kopay, Dave	RB	6-0	218	31	10	Washington
30	Krause, Larry	RB	6-0	208	25	3	St. Norbert
44	Kroll, Bob	S	6-1	195	23	2	Northern Michigan
36	Lane, MacArthur	RB	6-1	220	29	6	Utah State
62	Lueck, Bill	G	6-4	235	27	6	Arizona
13	Marcol, Chester	K	6-0	190	24	2	Hillsdale
29	Matthews, Al	S	5-11	190	25	4	Texas A&I
76	McCoy, Mike	DT	6-5	284	24	4	Notre Dame
81	McGeorge, Rich	TE	6-4	235	24	4	Elon
66	Nitschke, Ray	LB	6-3	235	36	16	Illinois
—	Oats, Carleton	DT	6-3	260	30	9	Florida A&M
10	Patrick, Frank	QB	6-7	225	26	4	Nebraska ✓
75	Pureifory, Dave	DE	6-1	260	23	2	Eastern Michigan
87	Roche, Alden	DE	6-4	255	28	4	Southern U.
67	Snider, Malcolm	G	6-4	251	26	5	Stanford
22	Staggers, Jon	WR	5-10	180	24	4	Missouri ✓
17	Tagge, Jerry	QB	6-2	220	23	2	Nebraska ✓
37	Thomas, Ike	CB	6-2	193	25	3	Bishop ✓
26	Walsh, Ward	RB	6-0	208	23	3	Colorado ✓
20	Widby, Ron	P	6-4	210	28	6	Tennessee
83	Williams, Clarence	DE	6-5	255	26	4	Prairie View
31	Williams, Perry	RB	6-2	219	26	5	Purdue
58	Withrow, Cal	C	6-0	240	28	4	Kentucky ✓
65	Wortman, Keith	G	6-2	245	23	2	Nebraska ✓

a dismal 1971 4-8-2 record and a fourth-place finish to a 10-4 record and a first-place Central Division finish in 1972. The story can be capsuled by a look at two big 1972 games.

The Pack is playing the Vikings in the next-to-last game of the season, knowing a victory will give them the NFC Central title. The Pack is losing 7-0. Then John Brockington and MacArthur Lane burst loose. Brockington gains 113 yards to go over 1,000 yards and become the first player to rush for 1,000 yards in each of his first two seasons. Lane gains 99 yards, including a dash of 37 yards that sets up a field goal by Chester Marcol, who goes on to boot two more.

Meanwhile defensive back Willie Buchanon, a rookie, intercepts a pass and runs it back 25 yards to beget a Green Bay touchdown. He picks off another at the Pack 18 to stop a Viking invasion. The Pack wins, 23-7.

Now it is Christmas Eve, the Pack playing the Redskins in the NFC Divisional Playoff. The Redskins gang up the middle to stop Brockington and Lane, giving Hunter the pass routes. But Hunter cannot hit, and although the Green Bay defense limits Washington to eight points below its season scoring average, the Redskins win, 16-3.

The Pack won on offense with its infantry—two tough backs and hard-charging grunts up front. The infantry brought the ball close enough for Marcol field goals. And it won with a defense ranked second best in the entire NFL against the rush and one that allowed only 7 touchdowns, fewest in the NFC, against the pass. But Green Bay's passing ranked 25th of 26 in the NFL and nobody ever got to the Super Bowl with that kind of aerial attack.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The Packers like to boast that Hunter is the first quarterback to lead his team to a title with only two years experience since Bob Waterfield with the Rams in 1945. Trouble is, did he "lead"? Bart Starr, now out of football, sent in each play with a messenger. So much for Hunter's quarterbacking. As for his passing, he completed only 43% and ranked 11th of 13 among NFC passers. This fall look for ex-Nebraska star Jerry Tagge, a rookie last season, to challenge Hunter. "Both will start dead-even," say the Packer coaches, "and will have to win the position in pre-season play."

Brockington and Lane complement each other beautifully, and both are threats to go inside or outside, and each is a devastating blocker. Perry Williams, Dave Kopay, Bob Hudson and Larry Krause are the backups.

The wide receivers lack speed. Veteran Carroll Dale caught only 16, second-year man Leland Glass 15, with Hunter mostly throwing short to his running backs. No. 1 draft choice Barry Smith (Florida State) may break in. The tight end, Rich McGeorge, is coming back from knee surgery.

OFFENSIVE LINE: It is strong, fast and experienced. Ken Bowman is the center. Gale Gillingham, coming back from a knee injury that kept him out most of the year, is at one guard spot. Bill Lueck and Mal Snider figure to fight for the other spot. Snider may move to tackle where Dick Himes

PACKERS' 1972 RECORD: WON 10, LOST 4

26	Cleveland	10	34	*San Francisco (Mil.)	24
14	*Oakland	20	23	Chicago	17
16	*Dallas (Mil)	13	23	Houston	10
20	*Chicago	17	16	Washington	21
24	Detroit	23	33	*Detroit	7
9	*Atlanta (Mil)	10	23	Minnesota	7
13	*Minnesota	27	30	New Orleans	20

Total Packer Pts.: 304 Total Opp. Pts.: 226 *Home Games

POST-SEASON GAME:

Washington 16, Green Bay 3 (NFC Divisional Playoff)

and Bill Hayhoe are the incumbents. Kevin Hunt is also on hand. Lots of depth.

DEFENSIVE LINE: More depth with addition of defensive end Aaron Brown, a Super Bowl starter with Kansas City. The tackles figure to be Pro Bowler Bob Brown and the young and fast-improving Mike McCoy. End Clarence Williams led the Pack in QB sacks with 9. Alden Roche and Aaron Brown will compete for the end job on the other side. Young and fast, the Pack Front Four increased its number of sacks from 19 in 1971 to 29 last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Jim Carter is the middle linebacker with Pro Bowler Fred Carr on the right side. On the left veteran All-Pro Dave Robinson is gone. Second-year man Larry Hefner will fight rookies Tom McLeod, Tom Toner, Rick Brown and Larry Allen, for the post.

In 1971 the enemy completed 21 TD passes against the Packers. In 1972 they completed only 7, fewest in the NFC. Pack backfield coach Don Doll built a completely new "umbrella." Rookie of the year on defense Willie Buchanon and All-Pro Ken Ellis are on the corners. Jim Hill (obtained from San Diego) and Al Matthews (switched from corner) are the weak and strong safeties. These four figure to be even better after a year together.

SPECIALISTS: Rookie Chester Marcol kicked as many field goals (33) last season as the Packers had seen in the past five years. Ron Widby averaged 41.8 yards as a punter, the best for a Packer since Don Chandler in 1965.

OUTLOOK: The Pack play a relatively easy schedule, opposing only one 1972 playoff team (49ers)—and only once. Young, spirited, deep in talent, the Pack could only be hurt grievously by the loss of Brockington and Lane. Green Bay should be a playoff team again even if the passing does not improve.

THE PACKER STARS

MacARTHUR LANE Running Back No. 34
Utah State 6-1 220

6th Year
March 16, 1942



Obtained from the Cardinals last season after he argued publicly with Cardinal officials... Always has been outspoken, although he has an easy-going, diffident manner... He and John Brockington gave the Packers the best one-two punch in the NFC, Brockington ranking fourth in rushing and Lane seventh... Gained 821 yards for a 4.6 average, the best average of any of the leading running backs with the exception of Walt Garrison and

Jim Bertelsen... A sure-handed pass catcher, he caught 26 passes, one for a gain of 49 yards... Likes clothes... Sports red, yellow and navy blue shoes with platform heels... "I think a man should exploit himself off the field. A man's wardrobe is part of him. It makes him look good and feel good"... Also collects and restores antique cars... Has a 1932 Ford... "I hate to see anything of the past destroyed."

SCOTT HUNTER Quarterback No. 16
Alabama 6-2 205

3rd Year
Nov. 19, 1947



Another one in the long line of Bear Bryant-produced quarterbacks out of Tuscaloosa... Succeeded another 'Bama quarterback: Bart Starr... Completed 46% of his passes in his rookie year, 43.2% last season, ranking 11th in the NFC... Had 4.5% intercepted... Threw only 6 TD passes... "Sure, I look at those weekly passing statistics," he said last season. "I am always interested in how Plunkett, Pastorini and Manning are doing. I like to

prove that being a sixth-round draft choice was wrong. The reason I was drafted that low was because of an unfortunate circumstance: a shoulder injury in college"... Helped last season by Bart Starr, who sent in plays... "They tried to take the pressure off me, I think. About every other play they sent in, it would be the play I was thinking of calling."

KEN ELLIS Cornerback No. 48
Southern 5-10 190

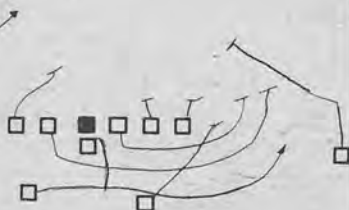
4th Year
Sept. 27, 1947



Team's top man in interceptions last season with four... Ran them back an average of 26.5 yards... Also led the team—and the NFL—in average return of punts, lugging back 14 an average of 15.4 yards... Scooted 80 yards for a touchdown with one of them... Played much of season with a dislocated shoulder... Shoulder was strapped in a harness... Against Lions intercepted two passes that set up touchdowns and pounced on a fumble

THE PACKERS' BIG PLAY

Here we see the Packer Power Sweep that dates back to the Hornung-Taylor days. Note the pulling guards and the blocking by the back. Despite its seeming brutal simplicity, the play requires clock-work synchronization among the blockers as well as race-horse swiftness.



to stop a threat in Packer victory . . . "He typifies the kind of man a championship team has to have," said teammate Al Matthews . . . Played flanker in college and was a halfback on defense.

JOHN BROCKINGTON Running Back No. 42
Ohio State 6-1

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3rd Year
Sept. 7, 1948



NFC's fourth-ranked rusher, gaining 1,027 yards for a 3.7 average . . . Scored eight touchdowns . . . Also caught 19 passes for 243 yards . . . Caught one for 48 yards and a touchdown . . . Believes it is a mistake to think too much about that magic 1,000-yard figure . . . "I made that mistake last year," he said of the 1971 season when he gained 1,105 yards—a rookie record . . . "It got so toward the end of the season I was looking back on my way to the huddle to see what I had gained. To hell with that" . . . Played in the Pro Bowl for the second of his two years as a pro . . . Believes he was helped by addition of MacArthur Lane in the trade for Donny Anderson . . . "With me and Donny back there, if they stopped me, they stopped Donny, because he wasn't a hard runner though he was fast. Mac is a hard runner. If they stop me, they got Mac to worry about. He's faster than me, he's stronger"

BOB BROWN Defensive End No. 78
Arkansas AM&N 6-7 265

8th Year
Feb. 23, 1940



Another Pro Bowl player, making the squad for the first time in his career . . . Likes to invite 10 or more teammates to his apartment for a gourmet meal . . . Cooks chicken, pork chops, ribs, elk . . . Once cooked 100 pounds of elk for the team . . . Uncle is a chef . . . Was shot in the neck in a 1972 incident in West Memphis, Ark., where he lives . . . "You find yourself in a hospital with a bullet through your head, you got to find yourself

a little negative," he says. "Sometimes I find myself a little negative" . . . "Page and Lilly, they're not the toughest ones," says Chuck Walton, Lion left guard, speaking of defensive linemen. "My candidate is Bob Brown. He's bigger and meaner and worst of all he doesn't have any football sense. What I mean by that is that he won't take a fake. He just will rear back and come."

CHESTER MARCOL Kicker No. 13
Hillsdale College 6-0 190

2nd Year
Oct. 24, 1949



A second-round draft choice who made good as a rookie . . . Ranked second in the NFC in field-goal kicking behind Lion veteran Erroll Mann . . . Led the NFL in scoring with 128 points . . . Booted home 33 of 48 field-goal attempts . . . Was 3 for 4 inside the 20; 7 for 8 inside the 30; 13 of 17 inside the 40; 8 for 16 inside the 50; and 2 for 3 beyond the 50 . . . A soccer-style kicker from Poland who came to U.S. in 1965 . . . Kicked a 62-yard field goal in college and once booted a ball from 77 yards that fell only a trifle short . . . Opened season by kicking four field goals in Green Bay's 26-10 triumph over Cleveland . . . Kicked a 37-yarder into the wind with 37 seconds left to beat the Bears, 20-17 . . . Addresses the ball at less of an angle than most soccer-style kickers . . . Tries to hit it inside his big toe . . . Did well after a bad start . . . Missed his first attempt in opening game, had his second blocked, then kicked four in a row.

FRED CARR Linebacker No. 53
Texas at El Paso 6-5 235

5th Year
Aug. 19, 1946



A Pro Bowl performer in 1972 for the first time in his career . . . Most Valuable Player in 1972 Pro Bowl . . . Works for Phoenix Police Department in the off-season . . . Vince Lombardi once called him "the greatest athlete in the country" . . . Relaxed, happy-go-lucky . . . "If what it takes for the team to win is for me to start in the line, that's what it will be," he says . . . But is too light to be an effective pass rusher . . . Grew up in Phoenix . . . Was the Packers' No. 1 draft choice in 1968 . . . Likes mod hounds-tooth suits.

TOP ROOKIE

BARRY SMITH Wide Receiver 6-1 190

Florida

The 21st pick in the draft and the first by the Packers in the opening round—so the Packers thought he was the top burner they wanted at wide receiver . . . Some scouts are dubious that he can make it as a pro . . . Call him a "shakabush" player, meaning that if you shake a bush, dozens of speedy receivers like him will fall out of the bush . . . But has good moves and is fast . . . "Will help the Pack," a scout insists.

TIP FROM A COACH

Backfield coach Don Doll tells how to watch the Packer deep defense: "Buchanon has good drive for the ball and is a fine tackler. Ellis has improved a great deal in getting to the ball carrier on sweeps. Matthews is tough, a real hard hitter, and such a good student of the game he is an assistant coach under Darrell Royal at Texas. Jim Hill has the experience and a natural warm personality that has enabled him to be accepted pretty much as the group's leader."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Smith, Barry, WR, Florida State; MacLeod, Tom, LB, Minnesota; Toner, Tom, LB, Idaho State; Muller, John, T, Iowa; Austin, Hise, DB, Prairie View; Brown, Rick, LB, South Carolina; Allen, Larry, LB, Illinois; Engle, Phil, DT, S. Dakota State; McCarrem, Larry, C, Illinois; Alderson, Tim, DB, Minnesota; Anderson, James, DT, Northwestern; Echols, Reggie, WR, UCLA; Pretty, Keith, TE, Western Michigan; Sampson, Harold, DT, Southern.

GREEN BAY PACKERS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			G.B.	Opp.
July 25 (Wed.)	INTER-SQUAD GAME	8:00	—	—
Aug. 4 (Sat.)	CHICAGO (Mil.)	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	BUFFALO	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	HOUSTON (Mil.)	8:00	—	—
Aug. 26 (Sun.)	at Kansas City	8:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	PITTSBURGH	8:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	at Cincinnati	8:00	—	—

GREEN BAY PACKERS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			G.B.	Opp.
Sept. 17 (Mon.)	N.Y. JETS (Mil)	8:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	DETROIT	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	at Minnesota	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at New York Giants	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	KANSAS CITY (Mil)	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at Los Angeles	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at Detroit	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	ST. LOUIS	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at New England	1:00	—	—
Nov. 26 (Mon.)	at San Francisco	6:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	NEW ORLEANS (Mil)	1:00	—	—
Dec. 8 (Sat.)	MINNESOTA	12:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at Chicago	1:00	—	—

LOS ANGELES RAMS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Carroll Rosenbloom; Head Coach: Chuck Knox; Asst. Coaches: Lee Bennett, Tom Catlin, Jack Faulkner, Ken Meyer, Ray Prochaska, Dick Vermeil, Jim Wagstaff; Trainer: Garry Tuthill; Office: 10271 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., 90064; Stadium: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (76,000); Colors: Royal Blue, Gold and White; Training Camp: California State U., Fullerton, Calif.



Rookie Jim Bertelsen soars over the line to reach the 1-yard line in a 20-7 victory over the Rams. He also excelled at running back kicks.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC WEST: Atlanta (2)*, Los Angeles (3), New Orleans (4), San Francisco (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 6, Lost 7, Tied 1

STRENGTHS: Tough offensive line; depth at quarterback if Roman Gabriel stays.

WEAKNESSES: Lack of depth at running back and among the receivers; defense against the pass and the rush not up to old Ram standards.

Carroll Rosenbloom likes to brag he knows how to pick coaches. Three of the last five winning Super Bowl coaches, he points out, were once hired by Rosenbloom. This time he has picked Chuck Knox, 40, the offensive line coach of the Lions, to bring the Rams back to their old winning ways. This season the Rams will sport new uniforms that are

LOS ANGELES RAMS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
60	Allison, Henry	G	6-3	255	26	3	San Diego State
45	Bertelsen, Jim	RB	5-11	205	23	2	Texas
90	Brooks, Larry	DT	6-3	255	23	2	Virginia State
10	Chapple, Dave	P	6-1	180	26	3	Cal—Santa Barbara
44	Clark, Al	CB—S	6-0	185	25	3	Eastern Michigan
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88	Curran, Pat	TE	6-3	238	27	5	Lakeland
89	Dryer, Fred	DE	6-6	240	27	5	San Diego State
42	Elmendorf, Dave	S	6-1	195	24	3	Texas A&M
18	Gabriel, Roman	QB	6-4	220	33	12	North Carolina State
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21	Hadl, John	QB	6-1	214	33	12	Kansas ✓
56	Halverson, Dean	LB	6-2	230	27	5	Washington
11	Harris, James	QB	6-4	210	26	4	Grambling
22	Howard, Gene	CB	6-0	200	26	6	Langston, Okla.
47	Howard, Leroy	CB	5-11	168	24	2	Bishop
50	Iman, Ken	C	6-1	240	34	13	Southeast Missouri
34	Josephson, Les	RB	6-1	207	31	9	Augustana
80	Klein, Bob	TE	6-5	235	26	5	Southern California
68	LaHood, Mike	G	6-3	250	28	5	Wyoming
20	Logan, Jerry	S	6-1	190	32	11	West Texas State
65	Mack, Tom	G	6-3	250	29	8	Michigan
30	McCutcheon, Larry	RB	6-2	205	23	2	Colorado State
86	McKeever, Marlin	LB	6-1	235	33	13	Southern California
67	Nelson, Bill	DT	6-7	270	25	3	Oregon State
19	Nettles, Jim	S—CB	5-10	177	31	9	Wisconsin
74	Olsen, Merlin	DT	6-5	270	32	12	Utah State
72	Olsen, Phil	DT	6-5	265	25	3	Utah State
27	Ray, David	K—WR	6-0	195	28	5	Alabama
13	Rentzel, Lance	WR	6-2	202	29	9	Oklahoma ✓
64	Reynolds, Jack	LB	6-1	232	25	4	Tennessee
58	Robertson, Isiah	LB	6-3	225	24	3	Southern U.
61	Saul, Rich	C—G	6-3	235	25	4	Michigan State
76	Schuh, Harry	T	6-3	260	30	9	Memphis State
71	Scibelli, Joe	G	6-0	255	34	13	Notre Dame
26	Shears, Larry	CB	5-10	184	24	3	Lincoln
38	Smith, Larry	RB	6-3	220	25	5	Florida
84	Snow, Jack	WR	6-2	190	30	9	Notre Dame
66	Stein, Bob	LB	6-3	235	25	5	Minnesota
29	Sweet, Joe	WR	6-2	196	25	2	Tennessee State
75	Williams, John	G—T	6-3	256	27	6	Minnesota
46	Williams, Roger	S	5-10	180	27	3	Grambling
25	Williams, Travis	RB	6-1	210	27	6	Arizona State
85	Youngblood, Jack	DE	6-4	250	23	3	Florida

similar to the ones worn by the 1951 team that won the world championship. But it is obviously much easier to buy new uniforms than it is to win world championships.

Rosenbloom is trying. He traded away Coy Bacon, a Pro Bowl defensive end, and running back Bob Thomas for veteran Charger quarterback John Hadl. Predictably, that upset long-time Ram quarterback Roman Gabriel, who demanded to be traded. Knox countered that three of last season's four final playoff teams used two quarterbacks. "People don't appreciate the implications of having depth at quarterback," he said, not adding that one of the people who didn't appreciate it was Roman Gabriel.

The loss of Bacon will mean a reshuffling of the Front Four, which wasn't nearly as fearsome on the pass rush as it had been in the old Deacon Jones era. Last season's Rams moved the ball on the ground well and had a fair passing attack that was limited by Gabriel's aching arm. But the team was hurt most by a defense that yielded more points—20 a game—than any team in its conference except hapless New Orleans.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: John Hadl and Roman Gabriel would give the Rams a potent one-two punch. If Gabriel leaves, there will remain Jim Harris, a part-time quarterback at Buffalo, and highly regarded rookie Ron Jaworski. Hadl is a hardy type who never needed backup help in San Diego, undoubtedly another reason why Gabriel wants to go somewhere else.

The trading away of Willie Ellison and Bob Thomas sapped the strength of the Rams' strongest department last season—the rushing. Ram rushers gained an average of 4.7 yards a try, tops in the NFC. Ellison led the team in total yardage, Thomas was third. Jim Bertelsen, a rookie last year, gained 4.7 yards a try and also caught 29 passes. He figures to be the workhorse back with the steady but unspectacular veterans, Les Josephson and Larry Smith, plugging for the other spot. Second-year man Larry McCutcheon and rookie Steve Jones, a fifth-round pick from Duke, will get a chance to be one of the five running backs that Knox wants. If necessary, indicates Knox, he'll trade for a running back or two.

Jack Snow led the pass catchers with 30 last season and he averaged almost 20 yards a catch. The other wide receiver figures to be either Dick Gordon, who once led the NFL when he was with the Bears, or veteran Lance Rentzel. They may split the job. Rod Milburn, world hurdles champ, will also be looking for a job. Tight end Bob Klein, at 6-5 and 235, is an excellent blocker (he could play tackle) who is a fast-improving pass catcher. He caught 29 last season, more than any wide receiver except Snow.

OFFENSIVE LINE: This is a crack, experienced unit. The tackles are Charlie Cowan and Harry Schuh, backed by John Williams. Guard Tom Mack is a Pro Bowler and Joe Scibelli is not far behind him. Mike LaHood is the reserve. Ken Iman is the established center.

DEFENSIVE LINE: With Coy Bacon gone, Fred Dryer and Jack Youngblood are the nominal starting ends, one reason being they are the only

RAMS' 1972 RECORD: WON 6, LOST 7, TIED 1

34	*New Orleans	14	20	*Atlanta	7
13	Chicago	13	10	*Denver	16
3	Atlanta	31	41	*Minnesota	45
31	*San Francisco	7	16	New Orleans	19
34	Philadelphia	3	26	San Francisco	16
15	*Cincinnati	12	14	St. Louis	24
17	Oakland	45	17	*Detroit	34

Total Ram Pts.: 291 Total Opp. Pts.: 286 *Home Games

veterans on hand. Knox will look closely at rookies Cody Jones, Kurt Matter and Jim Peterson. Merlin Olsen is a Pro Bowl tackle but the other tackle job is open. Phil Olsen was the early-season starter but lost the job to rookie Larry Brooks. Phil and Bill Nelson, hurt much of last year, will return to contest Brooks for the job.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Middle linebacker Marlin McKeever needed knee surgery twice during the off-season and is a question mark. Behind him is Jack Reynolds. Isiah Robertson figures to be at right linebacker with Ken Geddes on the left side, backed by Bob Stein and Dean Halverson. Rookie Jim Youngblood, a second-round draft choice, will be one of the rookies to be closely scrutinized.

The defense yielded a high 20 aerial touchdowns last season so look for some reshuffling among the deep backs. The Rams drafted for a flock of defensive backs, their top choice being Cullen Bryant (Colorado). Knox hopes he can step into one starting spot. Jim Nettles figures to be the strong safety; he doesn't have great speed or size but used his shrewdness to lead the club in interceptions with 6. Al Clark may be at one corner and Dave Elmendorf at the weak safety. The Rams traded for fine Colt safety Jerry Logan, who could win a job if he decides not to retire. All told, there will be eight veterans and seven rookies looking for one of those four defensive-back positions.

SPECIALISTS: David Ray is an excellent field-goal kicker and Dave Chapple, a surprise last year after being cut by three different NFL teams, was the NFL's second-best punter. The punt returners were among the league's best. The kickoff-return team was only fair.

OUTLOOK: The Rams have the ingredients to rise to their former eminence if Knox can re-solidify the defense and if the quarterback situation doesn't cause cracks within the team.

THE RAM STARS

JOHN HADL Quarterback No. 21
 Kansas 6-1 218

12th Year
 Feb. 15, 1940



Often called the best pure passer in football... Joe Namath rates him the best, but then John says Joe is the best... They are close friends in the off-season, Joe visiting John around southern California... Threw more passes than anybody by far in the AFC last season—370... Had a high 7.1% of his passes intercepted but completed 51.4%, including 15 for touchdowns... Had his rows with San Diego management for years and was happy to leave for the Rams... Thrown off a horse before last season and fractured a cheekbone... In his wry way, the balding Hadl said, "I remember getting on the horse but I don't remember how or when I got off"... Says the secret of good passing is having the guts to ignore a pass rush... "I know where the receiver is, I know how much you have to put on the ball. The only question is in my guts, whether I'm going to feel the pass rush so much that I'll release the ball before I should. If I do, it's incomplete... or worse."

JIM NETTLES Cornerback No. 19
 Wisconsin 5-10 177

9th Year
 Feb. 15, 1942



In street clothes looks too stringy to be a football player... "But is a hard hitter," says a coach... Picked off six interceptions last season to rank third in the NFC... Ran them back 168 yards... "In blocking a pass or trying for the interception we're taught to keep our thumbs together, to go through the receiver that way. You can usually get a hand in on the ball to knock it out or you're prepared to make the tackle if he catches the ball. Usually when the receiver makes his break or move, you try to pick up the ball. That's the instant when you have to judge whether to try for an interception."

MERLIN OLSEN Defensive Tackle No. 74
 Utah State 6-5 270

12th Year
 Sept. 15, 1940



Played in the Pro Bowl for the 11th time in his 11-year career with the Rams... His younger brother, Phil, now in his third year as a pro, is the other defensive tackle for the Rams... First time in NFL history that brothers played side by side... Is the last remaining member of the original Fearsome Foursome that also included Deacon Jones, Lamar Lundy, and Rosey Grier... Has a number of business interests in southern California... "When I was growing up in Utah, around Logan, hunting and fishing were almost as important to me as football. I was my father's bird dog

THE RAMS' BIG PLAY

The Rams will call this the 48 Sweep. The pulling guards lead the blocking and open up the lane on the outside for the ball carrier. The split ends are assigned to block the safeties.



when I was seven. I flushed the pheasant, I swam out into the lake to retrieve the duck. I chased the deer out of the thicket. When he got one I put it on my back and carried it out on my back. I have always been big for my age."

DAVE CHAPPLE Punter-Kicker
Cal-Santa Barbara 6-1 180

2nd Year
March 30, 1947



Led the NFC in punting in his rookie year... Booted 53 punts an average of 44.2 yards, including one boomer of 70, and didn't have one kick blocked... Was signed as a free agent after failing to make it with the 49ers in 1970... Suffered from rheumatic fever as a youngster... Likes to paint and has sold charcoal paintings since he was 14... Has been invited to show his paintings in galleries as far away as Louisville... "I was just looking

for a job. I knew Pat Studstill was the regular punter. But I hoped if I couldn't beat him out, some other club might notice me. I improved on my timing in getting the punt away. Where I had taken 1.6 seconds, I got down to 1.2. A five-second hang time is no good if it takes you three seconds to get it off."

ROMAN GABRIEL Quarterback No. 18
North Carolina State 6-4 220

12th Year
Aug. 5, 1940



Had a tough year... Lung collapsed during a pre-season warmup drill... "Have a lung collapse," he says, "and there isn't much you can do to protect it, even when the doctors say you are all right. You can't tape up a lung. It scares you. The first time I was hit, I thought, 'Here we go again.' But I was all right"... Then developed "the steady searing" pain of tendonitis in his right elbow and seriously considered retirement... Ranked ninth in the

league, completing 51%... Gained only an average of 6.28 yards a throw compared to the 7-plus average for league's best passers... After trade for John Hadl he asked to be traded.

JIM BERTELSEN Running Back No. 45
Texas 5-11 205

2nd Year
Feb. 26, 1950



Last year's second-round draft pick... Was worried about running back punts... "I hadn't done it since I was a freshman in college," he says. "It kept me up nights worrying about it. I really didn't know if I could do it"... Ranked second in the NFC in returning punts, averaging 14.5 yards a return (the best was Green Bay's Ken Ellis with a 15.4-yard average)... Had one return of 60 yards... Carried the ball 123 times for an average gain of 4.7 yards and scored 5 touchdowns... "Running is an instinctive thing," he says. "You either have it or you don't—coaches can't teach it"... "The only real difference between the pros and college," he says, "is that here the athletes are bigger"... Has a bulging belly and detests lifting weights... "I don't have the size to overpower people," he says. "I look at myself as a cutter who runs to the hole."

DAVID RAY Kicker No. 27
Alabama 6-0 195

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5th Year
Sept. 19, 1944



In 1971 he hit on 18 of 29 field-goal attempts... In 1972 he was 24 for 41 for a 58.5% success-rate that placed him seventh among NFC kickers... Went to the well too often beyond the 40 and that dragged down what would have been an imposing average... Drilled 6 of 7 through the uprights from inside the 20; 5 of 7 from inside the 30; and 9 of 11 from inside the 40... But could make only 4 of 13 from inside the 50 and none of 3 from beyond the 50... His longest successful kick was 45 yards... His average was 28... "Inside the 40 I think I can make 80% of my tries," he says.

TOP ROOKIE

CULLEN BRYANT Defensive Back 6-1 219

Colorado

The Rams had traded away their first-round choice but figured they were lucky to get Bryant on the second round... "He can spot a runner five steps," says one scout, "and not only catch him but pound the hell out of him"... Although there are not too many openings in the L.A. secondary, could work himself into a job as a rookie if there are injuries... Good bet for the future.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"The four teams that made it to the conference finals last year were all fine defensive teams," says new coach Chuck Knox. "If you have a fine defensive team, you will have a chance to win every game you play because your defense will keep you within range of your goal."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Bryant, Cullen, DB, Colorado; Jaworski, Ron, QB, Youngstown; Youngblood, Jim, LB, Tennessee Tech; Stokes, Tim, T, Oregon; McMillan, Eddie, DB, Florida State; Nelson, Terry, TE, Arkansas AM&N; Jones, Steve, RB, Duke; Jones, Cody, DE, San Jose State; Peterson, Jim, DE, San Diego State; Caldwell, Jason, WR, North Carolina Central; Brown, Steve, LB, Oregon State; Dulac, Bill, G, Eastern Michigan; Nicholson, Jim, T, Michigan State; Inmon, Jeff, RB, North Carolina Central; Jackson, Willie, WR, Florida; Storck, Robert, DT, Wisconsin; Milburn, Rod, WR, Southern; Spearman, Clinton, LB, Michigan; Rhone, Walter, DB, Central, Missouri; Bond, Jerry, DB, Weber State; Matter, Curt, DE, Washington; Cherry, Fuller, DB, Ark-Monticello; Henry, Fred, RB, New Mexico.

LOS ANGELES RAMS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			L.A.	Opp.
Aug. 3 (Fri.)	DALLAS	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	CLEVELAND	7:30	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	Oakland (Berkeley)	1:00	—	—
Aug. 24 (Sat.)	at Miami	8:00	—	—
Aug. 31 (Fri.)	SAN DIEGO	8:00	—	—
Sept. 7 (Fri.)	SAN FRANCISCO	8:00	—	—

LOS ANGELES RAMS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			L.A.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at Kansas City	3:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	ATLANTA	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at Houston	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	DALLAS	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	GREEN BAY	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at Minnesota	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at Atlanta	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	NEW ORLEANS	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	at New Orleans	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at Chicago	1:00	—	—
Dec. 10 (Mon.)	NEW YORK GIANTS	6:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	1:00	—	—

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres. Max Winter; V.P. & Gen. Mgr.: Jim Finks; Coach: Bud Grant; Asst. Coaches: Jerry Burns, John Michaels, Bus Mertes, Neill Armstrong, Jack Patera, Jocko Nelson; Player Personnel Director: Jerry Reichow; Trainer: Fred Zamberletti; Office: 7110 France Ave. S., Edina, Minn. 55435; Stadium: Metropolitan Stadium (49,784); Colors: Purple and White; Training Camp: Mankato State College, Mankato, Minn.



Ed Marinaro fingers the ball and looks for an opening. "Ed played very well," says Bud Grant of Ed's rookie year. "We look for him to improve."

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC CENTRAL: Chicago (4)*, Detroit (2), Green Bay (1), Minnesota (3) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 7, Lost 7

STRENGTHS: Clever quarterback and good pass catchers; experienced units; excellent pass rush and overall good defense, especially vs. the pass.

WEAKNESSES: No breakaway running back; an offensive line that needs patching.

For the first time since 1967, when Bud Grant came to the Vikings, Minnesota failed to finish first in the NFC Central. However, there is no

MINNESOTA VIKINGS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
67	Alderman, Grady	T	6-2	247	34	14	Detroit
87	Beasley, John	TE	6-3	228	27	6	California
30	Brown, Bill	RB	5-11	228	32	13	Illinois
24	Brown, Terry	S	6-0	205	26	4	Oklahoma ✓
20	Bryant, Bob	CB	6-1	170	29	6	South Carolina
14	Cox, Fred	K	5-10	200	34	11	Pittsburgh
71	Davis, Doug	T	6-4	250	29	8	Kentucky
27	Demery, Calvin	WR	6-0	190	23	2	Arizona State
11	Eischeid, Mike	P	6-0	190	31	7	Upper Iowa
81	Eller, Carl	DE	6-6	247	31	10	Minnesota
56	Gersbach, Carl	LB	6-1	230	26	4	West Chester, Pa.
42	Gilliam, John	WR	6-1	195	28	7	South Carolina State
80	Henderson, John	WR	6-3	195	30	9	Michigan
58	Hilgenberg, Wally	LB	6-3	229	31	10	Iowa
26	Jones, Clint	RB	6-0	205	28	7	Michigan State
29	Kassulke, Karl	S	6-0	195	32	11	Drake
22	Krause, Paul	S	6-3	200	31	10	Iowa
77	Larsen, Gary	DT	6-5	261	33	10	Concordia, Minn.
19	Lee, Bob	QB	6-2	195	28	5	Pacific
21	Lindsey, Jim	RB	6-2	210	28	8	Arkansas
75	Lurtsema, Bob	DE	6-6	250	31	7	Western Michigan
49	Marinaro, Ed	RB	6-2	212	23	2	Cornell
70	Marshall, Jim	DE	6-4	248	35	14	Ohio State
55	Martin, Amos	LB	6-3	228	24	2	Louisville
41	Osborn, Dave	RB	6-0	208	30	9	North Dakota
88	Page, Alan	DT	6-4	245	28	7	Notre Dame
-	Randolph, Al	S	6-2	205	29	7	Iowa
32	Reed, Oscar	RB	6-0	222	29	6	Colorado State
50	Siemon, Jeff	LB	6-2	230	23	2	Stanford
64	Sunde, Milt	G	6-2	250	31	10	Minnesota
69	Sutherland, Doug	DE	6-3	250	25	4	Superior, Wis.
10	Tarkenton, Fran	QB	6-0	190	33	13	Georgia
53	Tingelhoff, Mick	C	6-2	237	33	12	Nebraska ✓
83	Voigt, Stu	TE	6-1	200	25	4	Wisconsin
72	Ward, John	DE-G	6-4	250	25	4	Oklahoma State
59	Warwick, Lonnie	LB	6-3	238	31	8	Tennessee Tech
84	Washington, Gene	WR	6-3	208	28	7	Michigan State
40	West, Charlie	S-CB	6-1	197	27	6	Texas-El Paso
62	White, Ed	G	6-2	268	26	5	California
60	Winston, Roy	LB	5-11	222	33	12	Louisiana State
23	Wright, Jeff	S	5-11	190	24	3	Minnesota
43	Wright, Nate	CB	5-11	180	25	4	San Diego State
73	Yary, Ron	T	6-5	255	27	6	Southern California
51	Zaunbrecher, Godfrey	C	6-1	240	27	3	Louisiana State

show of panic in Viking-land. Bud Grant says the Vikings still are a contending team and he would not want to make any changes so drastic that they would remove the team as a contender. The Vikings' third-place finish is explained as a combination of injuries on the defensive line and hard luck, especially penalties that were called at the worst possible moment.

Certainly the statistics would bear out Grant's optimism. The Vikings were No. 1 in the NFL in defending against the pass. They ranked sixth in the NFC in total offense, third in the NFC in total defense. However, the stats also show at least one trouble-spot: the Vikings were 20th of 26 in rushing offense, which says something about the running backs or offensive line.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Fran Tarkenton came back to Minnesota last season and performed well. He ran 27 times for an average gain of 6.7 yards, which tells you the Original Scrambler can still scramble. He is still a near-impeccable passer. He ranked third among NFC passers, completing 56.9%, had only 3.9% intercepted, and threw 18 touchdown passes. Bob Lee is the backup.

Oscar Reed led the Minnesota rushers last season, gaining 4.2 yards a try, but he ranked only 12th, gaining 639 yards. Bob Brown was next with only 263 yards. Ed Marinaro and Dave Osborn also toted the ball, along with Clint Jones, who was slowed by injuries. All will be back, along with rookie Chuck Foreman (Miami), the team's No. 1 draft choice. It would seem that the Vikings need to pep up their running attack with a breakaway runner, something they have long lacked. Maybe Foreman is the answer.

Wide receiver John Gilliam caught 47 passes for 1,035 yards to set a club record, and Oscar Reed was next with 30. Tight end John Beasley and Ed Marinaro each snared 28. The other No. 1 wide receiver, lanky Gene Washington, was slowed by a foot injury that has bothered him for the past two years; he caught only 18. John Henderson, another wide receiver, was also slowed by injuries. He caught only 10. Rookie Jim Lash (Northwestern), a third-round pick, has a marvelous opportunity.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Grady Alderman and Ron Yary, a Pro Bowler, are the tackles, Milt Sunde and Ed White are the guards, with reliable old Mick Tingelhoff at center. This is a seasoned unit but the rushing game must be improved and Grant is considering some tinkering here to open holes for the running backs. He plans to use John Ward, only 25, more often at a guard spot.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Grant says that Bob Lurtsema will play more this year, probably spelling the aging (35) Jim Marshall at defensive end. Carl Eller is the other end. Alan Page and Gary Larsen are the standby tackles. The Purple People Eaters still menace passers. The Vikings were No. 1 against pass defense and a good pass defense begins with a strong rush.

VIKINGS' 1972 RECORD: WON 7, LOST 7

21	*Washington	24	37	*New Orleans	6
34	Detroit	10	16	*Detroit	14
14	*Miami	16	45	Los Angeles	41
17	*St. Louis	19	10	Pittsburgh	23
23	Denver	20	23	*Chicago	10
10	Chicago	13	7	*Green Bay	23
27	Green Bay	13	17	San Francisco	20

Total Viking Pts.: 301 Total Opp. Pts.: 252 *Home Games

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Jeff Siemon, who had a fine year, will be at middle linebacker with Roy Winston on the left side and Wally Hilgenberg on the right side. They worked extremely well with the deep backs on pass coverage, Minnesota leading the conference in interceptions with 26. At the corners are Bobby Bryant and Charley West, with Karl Kassulke the strong safety and Paul Krause at the weak safety. A second-round draft choice is cornerman Jackie Wallace.

SPECIALISTS: Fred Cox is one of the league's most reliable field-goal kickers. Last season he ranked fourth in the NFC, booting home 63% of his attempts. On the long ones from the 40 to the 49, he was 4 for 9. Punter Dave Eischeid ranked third among the conference punters with a 42.8-yard average. The kick-return units are adequate.

OUTLOOK: This conference has long had the reputation of being the NFC's toughest in that all four teams were of near-equal strength. With Chicago having problems and the Lions being reshuffled, the Central Division is probably not as tough, but the Vikings figure to wage a close duel with current-champion Green Bay.

THE VIKING STARS

FRAN TARKENTON Quarterback No. 10

Georgia 6-1 190

13th Year

Feb. 3, 1940



Returning to the team he started out with in pro ball, he ranked third among NFC passers with a 56.9% completion rate . . . Threw 18 TD passes, tying for second (Billy Kilmer threw 19) . . . Had a low 3.4% intercepted . . . Not the scrambler he used to be when he began the trend, running only 27 times . . . But averaged over 6 yards a ramble . . . Playing a tough schedule, the Vikings scored almost as many points as the champion Redskins, but Fran was unhappy with the rushing offense in 1972 . . . "It could be a

hell of an offense," he lamented, "and Clint Jones could be a great back, as great as Ron Johnson" . . . "Francis doesn't grab-bag plays," says Bud Grant. "You can see him calling plays to build to something."

CARL ELLER Defensive End No. 81
Minnesota 6-6 247

10th Year
Feb. 25, 1942



One of the original Purple People Eaters . . . "I don't want to put down quarterbacks, but for a defensive unit the quarterback is not the living end. There is more to an offensive unit than the quarterback, and we have got to worry about everything. People always talk about the Front Four and the quarterback, but there are some other people out there, you know, like the offensive linemen. My biggest problem is the guard that plays in front of me.

Once I get past the guard it's an easy job to get the quarterback."

PAUL KRAUSE Safetyman No. 22
Iowa 6-3 200

10th Year
Feb. 19, 1942



Played in the Pro Bowl for the fifth time in his nine years in the league . . . As a rookie with the Redskins in 1964 he led the league with 12 interceptions . . . Came to the Vikings in 1968 in a trade for Marlin McKeever . . . Last season, as usual, led the Vikings in interceptions with 6, tying for third in the NFC . . . Has intercepted 23 passes in the last four years . . . "I might try to lure a passer into throwing to my area by laying off a guy, as

long as I know I can get to the spot in time to make the play. When the other team doesn't go along you find yourself moving off a little more. That can be dangerous. It's a matter of knowing how far you can challenge the passer and still recover without being burned."

ED MARINARO Running Back No. 49
Cornell 6-2 212

2nd Year
March 31, 1950

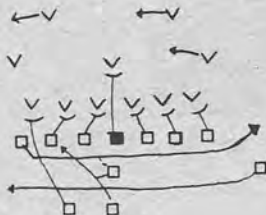


Heard a lot of talk during his rookie year about not winning the Heisman Trophy after leading the college runners in rushing . . . Got a chance to play after Clint Jones was hurt . . . Carried 66 times for 223 yards, averaging 3.4 yards a try . . . His longest run was for 19 yards . . . Proved to be adept at running patterns out of the backfield, catching 28 passes for 218 yards, including an 18-yarder for a touchdown . . . "He has good hands,"

says Bud Grant, "even though he didn't catch many passes in college (only 6 in his senior year) because they had him running all the time" . . . Has reputation for being relatively slow but says, "With those big bruisers blocking in front of me, I should last a long time in the pros."

THE VIKINGS' BIG PLAY

Because the Vikings lacked a powerful running back a year ago, they tried deception from time to time. One of their beauties was this end-around play. A second tight end (left side) is utilized on a goal-line situation, presumably as a blocker. The flanker on the right starts the play in motion to get the opponents looking that way. Then the fullback dives into the line, using his best fake. But the left TE, the only man going the opposite way, takes the ball.



OSCAR REED Running Back No. 32
Colorado State 6-0 220

6th Year
March 24, 1944



The Vikings call him "Big O" . . . Was the Vikings' No. 1 rusher, ranking 12th in the NFC . . . Gained 639 yards and averaged 4.2 yards a carry . . . Swung out of the backfield to snare 30 passes from Tarkenton, averaging 6.8 yards a catch . . . "His biggest asset is his quickness," says Bud Grant. "He runs very low, has a very distinctive style. He's low and sneaky. He squirts through the line. Once in a while there's a bubble and out comes

Oscar" . . . Had a sensational game in high school and his shoes were bronzed. Wore them and got the name of Golden Shoes.

FRED COX Kicker No. 14
Pittsburgh 5-10 200

11th Year
Dec. 11, 1938



NFC's fifth highest scorer with 97 . . . Kicked 34 extra points and 21 of 33 field goals . . . Ranked fourth in field-goal kicking accuracy . . . Had a .636 percentage . . . Was 4 for 4 inside the 20; 6 of 9 inside the 30; 7 of 10 inside the 40; 4 of 9 inside the 50; and 0 for 1 past the 50 . . . Longest kick was 45 yards . . . Over the last four years he has hit 80 of 95 field-goal attempts from inside

the 40 . . . From inside the 20 he is 27 for 27 . . . Was a running back in college and drafted by the Steelers as such . . . "I can tell if the ball is going through the bars by the sound. The sound is different. It cracks if I hit it well. If there is a dull sound I know I am in trouble."

JOHN GILLIAM Wide Receiver No. 42
South Carolina State 6-1 195

7th Year
August 7, 1945



Came from the Cardinals to the Vikings and established himself as one of the premier NFL pass catchers, ranking fifth in the NFC... Caught 47 for 1,035 yards—a whopping 22-yard average, the highest in the NFL... Caught 7 passes for touchdowns, including one that covered 66 yards... “Best receiver in football this year without a doubt,” says Fran Tarkenton, admittedly biased. “He blocks, runs back kickoffs, makes the big plays. If Mr. Gilliam isn’t on the All-Pro team, there shouldn’t be one”... John made the Pro Bowl for the first time... Had a battle with Charlie Ford of the Bears after being roughed up... “I don’t worry about that guy,” John says. “I figure if I catch the ball he’s out of the play”... Has run the 40 in 4.5... Was happy to be traded... “Things weren’t too good in St. Louis after Charley Johnson left”... Swapped for Gary Cuozzo, the quarterback.

RON YARY Tackle No. 73
USC 6-5 256

6th Year
August 16, 1946



Played in the Pro Bowl for the second time in his five years as a pro—and for the second straight year... “He should be an All-Pro for the next 10 years,” Bud Grant predicted in our 1972 book—and he may be right... Grew up in Bellflower, California, where Anthony Ronald became Ron... On a number of All-America teams even as a junior in 1966... An accomplished after-dinner speaker, he is called upon by the Viking promotion department to appear at father-son dinners.

TOP ROOKIES

CHUCK FOREMAN Running Back 6-3 200

Miami

Well liked by the scouts, who ranked him alongside much-publicized Greg Pruitt of Oklahoma and only slightly behind Purdue’s Otis Armstrong and USC’s “Sam Bam” Cunningham... Figures to get a little heavier... Has great speed and deception... The Vikings need running backs to rev up that sputtering offense and Foreman will get all the chances to be a rookie starter.

JACKIE WALLACE Defensive Back 6-4 198

Arizona

Another one of those basketball-sized defensive backs that have become so popular in the NFL... Ranked among the top ten in the nation in pass interceptions... Is rangy and quick enough to cover a lot of ground... Will be groomed slowly and may one day be a premier free safety.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"There is one thing that you can't coach," says Bud Grant, "and that's the bounce of the football. And last year the football took some bounces that hurt us. But you can't dwell on that. You have to come to a game prepared for whichever way the ball bounces."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Foreman, Charles, RB, Miami; Wallace, Jackie, DB, Arizona; Lash, Jim, WR, Northwestern; Wells, Mike, QB, Illinois; McClanahan, Brent, RB, Arizona State; Kingsriter, Doug, TE, Minnesota; Abbott, Fred, LB, Florida; Brown, Josh, RB, S.W. Texas State; Darling, Craig, T, Iowa; Dibbles, Larry, DE, New Mexico; Lee, Randy, DB-P, Tulane; Mason, Dave, DB, Nebraska; Murdock, Geary, G, Iowa State; Spencer, Allen, WR, Pittsburg, Kan.; Just, Ron, G, Minot, N.D.; Bishop, Eddie, DB, Southern; Chandler, Tony, RB, Missouri Valley; Smiley, Larry, DE, Texas Southern; Winfield, Dave, TE, Minnesota.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Minn.	Opp.
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	PITTSBURGH	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	at Kansas City	8:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	at Oakland	3:00	—	—
Aug. 31 (Fri.)	MIAMI	8:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	at San Diego	8:00	—	—

MINNESOTA VIKINGS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Minn.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	OAKLAND	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at Chicago	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	GREEN BAY	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at Detroit	4:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	PHILADELPHIA	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	LOS ANGELES	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	DETROIT	1:00	—	—
Nov. 19 (Mon.)	at Atlanta	9:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at Cincinnati	1:00	—	—
Dec. 8 (Sat.)	at Green Bay	12:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at New York Giants	1:00	—	—

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: John W. Mecom, Jr.; Head Coach: J.D. Roberts; Asst. Coaches: John North, Jim Royer, Lynn Amedee, Jim Champion, Bud Whitehead, Marv Matuszak; Director of Personnel: Ernest E. Hefferle; Trainer: Dean Kleinschmidt; Office: 944 St. Charles, New Orleans, La. 70130; Stadium: Tulane Stadium (80,997); Colors: Old Gold, Black and White. Training Camp: Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.



Archie Manning pops out of the pocket as he looks for a receiver. The Saints need a better running game to make Archie an even better passer.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC WEST: Atlanta (2)*, Los Angeles (3), New Orleans (4), San Francisco (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 2, Lost 11, Tied 1

STRENGTHS: Promising young scrambling quarterback in Archie Manning; good receivers.

WEAKNESSES: Poor running attack; weak pass rush; no long-range field-goal kicker; poor kick-return units.

What do you say about a team that went from a promising 4-8-2 record in 1971 to a disastrous 2-11-1 record in 1972? "We all made some

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
46	Abramowicz, Dan	WR	6-1	195	28	7	Xavier
26	Adkins, Margene	WR	5-10	183	26	4	Henderson, J. C.
34	Bell, Carlos	TE	6-5	230	25	2	Houston
-	Billingsley, Ron	DT	6-8	280	27	7	Wyoming
36	Brown, Bob	TE	6-2	225	30	5	Alcorn A&M
38	Butler, Bill	RB	6-0	218	23	2	Kansas State ✓
59	Colman, Wayne	LB	6-1	230	27	6	Temple
75	Crangle, Mike	DE	6-4	243	26	2	Tennessee-Martin
51	Didion, John	C	6-4	245	25	5	Oregon State
25	Dodd, Al	WR	6-0	185	28	4	Northwest Louisiana
10	Fagan, Julian	P	6-3	205	25	4	Mississippi
58	Federspiel, Joe	LB	6-1	225	23	2	Kentucky
9	Feller, Happy	K	5-11	185	24	3	Texas
28	Ford, James	RB	6-0	210	23	3	Texas Southern
45	Green, Arthur	RB	5-11	198	25	2	Albany State
35	Gresham, Bob	RB	5-11	195	25	3	West Virginia
56	Hall, Willie	LB	6-2	217	23	2	Southern California
29	Hayes, Billie	CB	6-1	175	26	2	San Diego State
64	Hester, Ray	LB	6-2	215	24	3	Tulane
78	Hines, Glen Ray	T	6-5	265	29	8	Arkansas
53	Hobbs, Bill	LB	6-1	215	27	5	Texas A&M
18	Hollas, Hugo	S	6-1	190	27	4	Rice
30	Jackson, Ernie	CB	5-10	173	23	2	Duke
77	Johnson, Carl	T	6-3	241	23	2	Nebraska ✓
50	Kupp, Jake	G	6-3	248	32	10	Washington
67	Kuziel, Bob	C	6-4	255	23	2	Pittsburgh
11	Lee, Bivian	CB	6-3	200	25	3	Prairie View
7	Linhart, Toni	K	6-0	170	31	2	Austria Tech
89	Long, Dave	DT	6-4	245	28	8	Iowa
8	Manning, Archie	QB	6-3	212	24	3	Mississippi
22	Martin, D'Artagnan	CB	6-1	190	24	2	Kentucky State
74	Moore, Doug	DT	6-6	265	26	3	Whittier
76	Morrison, Don	T	6-5	255	23	3	Texas-Arlington
37	Myers, Tom	S	5-11	184	22	2	Syracuse
41	Newland, Bob	WR	6-2	190	24	3	Oregon
87	Newsome, Billy	DE	6-5	250	25	4	Grambling
-	Riley, Preston	WR	6-0	187	24	4	Memphis State
72	Owens, Joe	DE	6-2	245	26	4	Alcorn A&M
52	Palmer, Dick	LB	6-2	232	26	4	Kentucky
82	Pollard, Bob	DT	6-3	245	24	3	Weber State
-	Nix, Kent	QB	6-1	198	28	7	Texas Christian
70	Robinson, Craig	T	6-4	250	24	2	Houston
54	Roussel, Tom	LB	6-3	235	28	6	Southern Mississippi
66	Smith, Royce	G	6-3	245	24	2	Georgia
42	Strong, Jim	RB	6-1	210	26	4	Houston
85	Weatherspoon, Cephus	WR	6-1	182	25	2	Ft. Lewis, Colo.
49	Whitaker, Creston	WR	6-2	187	25	2	North Texas State
61	Williams, Del	G	6-2	240	27	7	Florida State
24	Williams, Joe	RB	6-0	193	26	3	Wyoming
68	Winther, Wimpy	C	6-4	261	25	3	Mississippi
23	Wyatt, Doug	S	6-1	195	26	4	Tulsa
-	Young, Adrian	LB	6-1	230	27	6	Southern Cal

mistakes last year," answers coach J.D. Roberts.

The Saints couldn't even croak the traditional apology of losers: that the games were close. In six of their 11 losses the Saints were beaten by halftime. They gave up 361 points—most in the NFC. Playing catch-up so often, the Saints had to throw 449 times, the most in the NFL. Twenty-one of those passes were picked off. The Saints intercepted only 14.

"It's not like we're 100 per cent content with our offense," says J.D. in what is undeniably the understatement of the year. "But upon reviewing our disappointing showing in 1972, we'd have to conclude that a tougher, quicker and more opportunistic defense could be the key to an improved record next season. That was the course we followed in trading away our No. 1 draft choice for a proven but still very young defensive lineman [24-year-old Billy Newsome of the Colts] . . ."

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The red-headed Archie Manning directed every Saint offensive play, passed for 8 of the Saints' 23 touchdowns and ran for two others. He gained 5.6 yards a scramble for 351 yards, second on the team only to running back Bob Gresham. And although he had to throw more than any other QB in the NFL, he completed 51% of the passes. "There should be an even more dramatic improvement in his play when our attack is more balanced," says Roberts. "That is, when Archie can call upon an effective running game."

The Saints ranked 25th of 26 in NFL rushing. Looking for speed, power "and intelligence"—too many mistakes were repeated last season, says J.D.—the club drafted six running backs. Most promising is No. 3 choice Pete Van Valkenberg, a quick-cutting halfback from Brigham Young who led the nation in rushing. Holdovers are Gresham and Bill Butler.

The wide receivers are Bob Newland, who led the team in pass catching, and the always-reliable Danny Abramowicz. Backing them up are the fleet Margene Adkins and veteran Al Dodd. Another veteran, tight end Dave Parks, went to Houston after a blast at Roberts. Replacing him will be Bob Brown, who can block better than the smaller Parks but is not a proven pass catcher.

OFFENSIVE LINE: J.D. believes some of his best people are in this unit. Veteran Jake Kupp, out most of last year with a knee injury, is the left guard with another veteran, Del Williams, the right guard. But both have glassy knees, and one may lose his job to Royce Smith, a former No. 1 draft choice who replaced Kupp last year. The tackles are Glen Ray Hines and Don Morrison, with Carl Johnson and Craig Johnson backing up. John Didion or Bob Kuziel will be the center. Not big in size, the offensive line is formidable but bad knees may cut down one or two regulars.

SAINTS' 1972 RECORD: WON 2, LOST 11, TIED 1

14	Los Angeles	34	6	Minnesota	37
17	*Kansas City	20	20	Atlanta	36
2	*San Francisco	37	14	Detroit	27
21	New York Giants	45	19	*Los Angeles	16
14	*Atlanta	21	17	New York Jets	18
20	San Francisco	20	10	*New England	17
21	*Philadelphia	3	20	*Green Bay	30

Total Saints Pts.: 215 Total Opp. Pts.: 361 *Home Games

DEFENSIVE LINE: Young Billy Newsome brings three years of pro experience to the one tackle spot and he should help young Bob Pollard, the other tackle. J.D. is openly unhappy about his pass rush with holdover defensive end Joe Owens "a bit too light for regular heavy-duty work at defensive end." Two top draft choices, Derland Moore (Oklahoma) and Steve Baumgartner (Purdue), will get a close look along with veterans Dave Long and Ron Billingsley.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The outside linebackers, Tom Roussel and Wayne Colman, were erratic so the speedy Willie Hall, a No. 2 draft choice in 1972, will get a chance here. So will Adrian Young, a former Lion. Joe Federspiel took over for the injured Tom Stincic (since traded to Houston) in the middle last season and he figures to be the starter again.

Deep backs Richard Neal and Delles Howell are gone (to the Jets). J.D. had been unhappy with his deep backs' containment of enemy rushers. "We just can't be passive in our defensive approach," he growls. "We've got to drive the opposition back—not give ground." Bivian Lee led the team in interceptions with four and he should be at one corner. Despite his size—he's listed at 5-10 and 173 but the Saints concede this is an "exaggeration"—Ernie Jackson is a heavy hitter who will man the other corner. Tom Myers, who intercepted three times last season, should be at one safety with veterans Hugo Hollas and Doug Wyatt vying for the other job. Billy Hayes, rookie Mike Fink, veteran D'Artagnan Martin and rookie Bill Cahill will be looking for corner or safety spots. The ones who get the jobs, says J.D., will be the ones who "hit like we want them to hit."

SPECIALISTS: Saint kickers Charlie Durkee, Toni Linhart and Happy Feller booted home only 11 of 25. And rarely did they boom kickoffs into the end zone. Linhart and Feller return but J.D. is looking to replace them. Julian Fagan does the punting (40 yards a kick) but Saint opponents returned them a high 7.8 yards on average. The kickoff-return and punt-return teams were among the league's worst.

OUTLOOK: Look for a lot of trades as the Saints try to strengthen a team plagued by injuries, dissension, bad luck, poor trades and what J.D. calls "judgment errors."

THE SAINT STARS

ARCHIE MANNING Quarterback No. 8
Mississippi 6-3 204

3rd Year
May 19, 1949



One of the league's most effective rushers, he scrambled for 351 yards, second on the Saints to Bob Gresham's 381... Averaged 5.6 yards a run... The NFC's seventh-ranked passer, he completed 51% of his throws... Completed more passes than any QB in the NFC... Had 4.7% intercepted... Completed 18 TD passes, tying him for second in the NFC... "When I came here I didn't know what to expect," Manning says. "I was behind a lot of rookie quarterbacks because I hadn't played in a dropback offense. I'd been in an offense that had the quarterback rolling out. There is only so much you can learn from a blackboard. I had to get out there in game-action situations. I feel more comfortable in the pocket although the temptation to move out is always there since that had been my style before. But I feel I am learning and my passing was adequate last season."

JAKE KUPP Guard No. 50
Washington 6-3 248

10th Year
March 12, 1941



Was wiped out by a knee injury in the third game of 1972... The dean of the offensive squad at 32... Came to the Saints from the Washington roster in the expansion draft of 1967... Originally was drafted in 1964 by the Cowboys... In 1966 was sent to the Redskins for two draft choices... That season he caught four passes on the guard-eligible play... Was one of the three offensive captains in 1972 along with Archie Manning and Dave Parks... "Has a wonderful influence on the younger players," says J.D.

DANNY ABRAMOWICZ Wide Receiver No. 46
Xavier 6-1 195

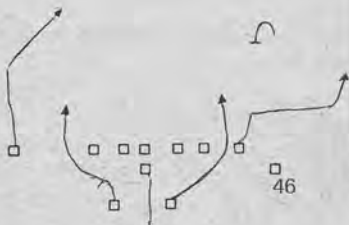
7th Year
July 13th, 1945



Caught 38 passes last season, about equal to his 37 of a year earlier but off from his peak years of 1967-69 when he caught as many as 73... But in those years New Orleans didn't have as many talented receivers... For the first time in six seasons he didn't lead team in pass catches, losing the crown to Bob Newland... Caught passes in 77 straight games until the streak was ended late in the 1972 season (league record is 95)... Earlier in the season he had heard talk of a trade with himself going to Washington for

THE SAINTS' BIG PLAY

In the tough third-down situations, Archie Manning will go to Danny Abramowicz on this "turn pass." Abramowicz, No. 46, goes straight against the safety, then turns. The tight end keeps the cornerman busy and the strong-side running back knifes off-tackle to occupy the linebackers.



Larry Brown . . . Owns a delicatessen in New Orleans . . . In his first five seasons had caught 269 passes, ranking third among current NFL receivers behind Charley Taylor (283) and Lance Alworth (274).

JULIAN FAGAN Punter No. 10
Mississippi 6-3 205

4th Year
Feb. 21, 1948



Ranked seventh in the NFC last season, averaging 40.8 yards, despite having one blocked . . . Punted 71 times, tops in the NFC . . . Is a youth director for a Baptist church . . . "For a long time I didn't give much thought to religion even though I was raised in a Baptist environment," he says. "One day at Ole Miss I got to thinking about the real purpose of life. I had everything but I still lacked serenity of mind. I got down on my knees and asked God to help me find the real meaning of peace. I asked Jesus to help me and guide me" . . . Was an Academic All-America three years in a row . . . "I'd like five peak years of pro football and then call it quits," he says . . . Wants to be a lawyer . . . 17th-round draft choice.

BOB NEWLAND Wide Receiver No. 41
Oregon 6-2 190

3rd Year
Oct. 27, 1948



Led the Saints in pass catching and ranked sixth in the NFC with 47 catches . . . Scored 2 touchdowns, including one of 42 yards—his longest pass play . . . A 9.9 sprinter in the 100-yard dash . . . Became a starter after Al Dodd was hurt . . . "I always felt I could play pro football," he says. "I came from a team that passed a lot so things here weren't a lot different. I guess the big difference here is that you have to do more reading of the defensive backs. If the other team is in a zone, you try to run to an area. If they're man to man, you try to beat him individually. Against a zone it's a matter of timing between a quarterback and his receivers in an area. In beating a

defensive back, the big thing is not rounding off your patterns. Make your cuts sharp."

BOB GRESHAM Running Back No. 35
West Virginia 5-11 195

3rd Year
July 9, 1948



An eighth-round draft choice, he became Saints' Rookie of the Year in 1971, gaining 383 yards... Last season he continued to improve, leading the Saints in rushing with 381 yards... Averaged 3.1 yards a crack... His longest run was for 23 yards... "I may not have the quickest takeoff in the league," he says, "but it's quick enough. And I believe I can pick up a yard without even the benefit of a hole in the line. I've always been a

hurdler and I've never been unwilling to sacrifice my body. I'm not a power runner exactly, but I'm able to change directions quickly and make the best possible use of my blockers. But I got to pick the hole and hit it even faster"... Has good hands... Caught 29 passes for 192 yards.

MARGENE ADKINS Wide Receiver No. 24
Henderson J.C. 5-10 183

4th Year
April 30, 1947



Listed as a wide receiver but caught only 9 passes for 96 yards last season for the Saints... Employed mainly as a kick returner... Ranked 11th in kickoff returns, lugging 43 for 1,020 yards, including one dash of 61 yards... Averaged 23.7 yards a return... Returned 7 punts a total of 2 yards... Played sparingly for two years with Dallas as a kick-return specialist and wide receiver after a three-year sojourn in Canada... "I didn't play

football in high school until one day a coach saw me catching passes in a PE class and told me to come out for the team. My mother didn't want me to play because I might get hurt and that was all right with me. A coach came around to my house and I ran out the back door and hid. The coach talked my mother into letting me play and he told me if I didn't play football I couldn't play basketball. So I played"... "Bob Hayes and I are much the same as receivers. We rely more on speed than moves."

TOP ROOKIE

DERLAND MOORE Defensive End 6-4 235

Oklahoma

The Saints need defensive linemen so it made sense to go for a defensive end on the second round (the Saints had traded away their No. 1 draft pick to the Colts for defensive end Billy Newsome)... But Moore, picked 29th in the entire draft, was rated only fourth or fifth by the pro scouting systems BLESTO and QUADRA... However, the Saints operate free-lance and their scouts said "go" on Moore... Time will tell if it's better to go alone or by the systems.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"...I want to make it clear," says J.D. Roberts, "that every player who reports to training camp will have an opportunity to make this team—and as a starter. There's no one that I know of who's got his job locked up. When you finish with a 2-11-1 record, there's just no way such a condition could exist. By the same token we have no one whom we could term as being 'untouchable' by trade... We have definite weaknesses... and if the price is right, we'll make the deal..."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Moore, Derland, DE, Oklahoma; Baumgartner, Steve, DE, Purdue; Van Valkenburg, Pete, RB, Brigham Young; Merlo, Jim, LB, Stanford; Shuford, Marty, RB, Arizona; Cahill, Bill, DB, Washington; Peterson, Bob, G, Utah; Winslow, Doug, WR, Drake; Fink, Mike, DB, Missouri; Horsley, Jeff, RB, No. Carolina Central; Owens, James, RB, Auburn; Orndorf, Paul, RB, Tampa; Watkins, Richard, DT, Weber State; Fersen, Paul, T, Georgia; Evenson, Mike, C, No. Dakota State; Stevens, Howard, RB, Louisville; Garner, Bobby, TE, Winston-Salem.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			N.O.	Opp.
Aug. 4 (Sat.)	at Kansas City	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	at Miami	8:00	—	—
Aug. 18 (Sat.)	at Dallas	8:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	NEW ENGLAND	8:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	NEW YORK JETS	8:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	HOUSTON	8:00	—	—

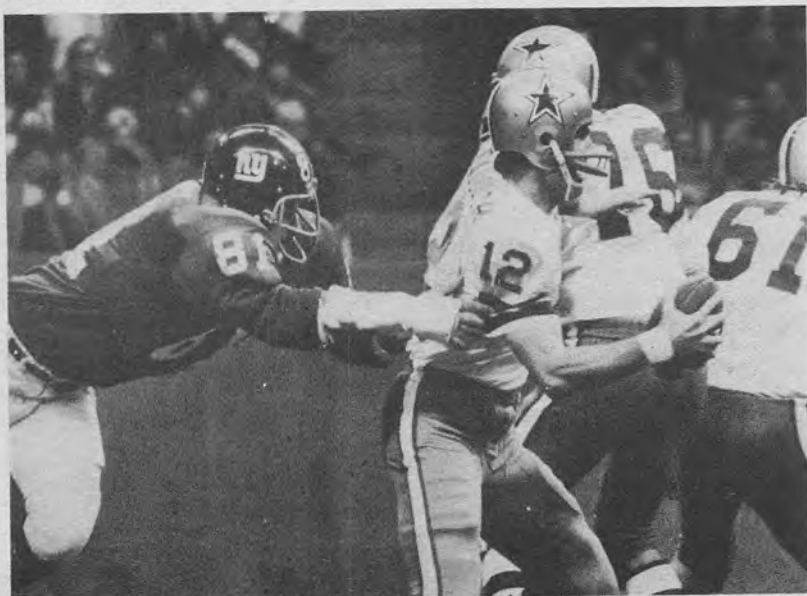
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

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			N.O.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	ATLANTA	1:00	—	—
Sept. 24 (Mon.)	at Dallas	8:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	2:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	DETROIT	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	WASHINGTON	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	BUFFALO	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at Los Angeles	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at San Diego	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	LOS ANGELES	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at Green Bay (Mil)	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at Atlanta	1:00	—	—

NEW YORK GIANTS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Wellington T. Mara; Gen. Mgr.: Raymond J. Walsh; Coach: Alex Webster; Asst. Coaches: Jim Garrett, Ray Wietcha, Joe Walton, Emlen Tunnell, Jim Katcavage, Matt Hazeltine; Trainers: John Johnson and John Dziegiel; Office: 10 Columbus Circle, New York 10019; Colors: Red, White, Blue; Training Camp: Monmouth College, Long Branch, N.J.



Defensive end Jack Gregory grabs Dallas' Roger Staubach's throwing arm. Gregory was the leader of a fast-improving New York front wall in 1972.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC EAST: Dallas (2)*, New York (3), Philadelphia (5), St. Louis (4), Washington (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 8, Lost 6

STRENGTHS: Excellent passer, good receivers, and good overall offense; Pete Gogolak always a threat to kick for 3 points inside the 50.

WEAKNESSES: A young defense that may be staffed in one or more positions by rookies.

In climbing from a terrible 4-10 season in 1971 to an 8-6 record last

NEW YORK GIANTS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
45	Athas, Pete	CB	5-11	185	25	3	Tennessee
15	Blanchard, Tom	P	6-0	190	24	3	Oregon
21	Brown, Otto	CB	6-1	188	26	5	Prairie View
79	Campbell, Carter	LB	6-4	240	26	4	Weber State
29	Clements, Vin	RB	6-3	210	24	2	Connecticut
—	Cole, Linzy	WR	5-11	170	25	4	Texas
24	Crist, Chuck	S	6-2	205	22	2	Penn State
51	Douglas, John	LB	6-2	228	28	4	Missouri
28	Duhon, Bobby	RB	6-0	195	26	5	Tulane
20	Eaton, Scott	S	6-3	205	28	6	Oregon State
65	Ellison, Mark	G	6-2	250	24	2	Dayton
62	Enderle, Dick	G	6-2	250	26	5	Minnesota
31	Evans, Charlie	RB	6-1	220	25	3	Southern California
58	Files, John	LB	6-4	240	25	4	Oklahoma
44	Flowers, Richmond	S	6-0	180	26	5	Tennessee
83	Gatewood, Tom	TE	6-3	215	22	2	Notre Dame
3	Gogolak, Pete	K	6-1	190	31	10	Cornell
68	Goich, Dan	DT	6-4	240	28	5	California
81	Gregory, Jack	DE	6-5	250	28	7	Delta State
27	Grim, Bob	WR	6-0	200	28	7	Oregon State
61	Harper, Charlie	DT	6-0	250	29	8	Oklahoma State
85	Herrmann, Don	WR	6-2	205	26	5	Waynesburg
52	Hill, John	T	6-2	245	23	2	Lehigh
67	Hornsby, Ron	LB	6-3	232	23	3	Southeast Louisiana
84	Houston, Rich	WR	6-2	195	27	5	East Texas State
56	Hughes, Pat	LB	6-2	240	25	4	Boston U.
70	Hyland, Bob	C	6-5	255	28	7	Boston College
75	Jacobson, Larry	DT	6-6	260	23	2	Nebraska
11	Johnson, Randy	QB	6-3	205	29	8	Texas A&I
30	Johnson, Ron	RB	6-1	205	25	5	Michigan
73	Kanicki, Jim	DT	6-4	260	31	10	Michigan State
87	Kotite, Dick	TE	6-3	230	30	6	Wagner
53	Larson, Greg	C	6-3	250	33	13	Minnesota
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49	Orduna, Joe	RB	6-0	195	25	2	Nebraska
80	Reed, Henry	DE	6-3	230	24	3	Weber State
18	Small, Eldridge	CB	6-1	190	23	2	Texas A&I
16	Snead, Norm	QB	6-4	215	34	13	Wake Forest
72	Taffoni, Joe	T	6-3	255	28	6	Tennessee-Martin
22	Thompson, Rocky	RB	5-11	200	25	3	West Texas State
71	Tipton, Dave	DE	6-6	245	24	3	Stanford
38	Tucker, Bob	TE	6-3	230	27	4	Bloomburg, Pa.
63	Van Horn, Doug	G	6-3	245	29	7	Ohio State
78	Walton, Wayne	T	6-5	245	24	2	Abilene Christian
41	Williams, Willie	CB	6-0	190	30	9	Grambling
69	Young, Willie	T	6-0	265	30	8	Grambling

year, the Giants were ranked first in total offense in the NFC, gaining more yardage and first downs than any other team. They were seventh in rushing, third in passing. And a young, mobile defense showed improvement, giving up only 17 points a game compared to 26 per game a year earlier.

Satisfied as near as any coach can be with his offense, Alex Webster sought to stiffen his defense when he went to the draft. He used nine of his 15 selections to pick defensive players: five defensive linemen, two defensive backs and two linebackers.

Just as rookie defensive tackles John Mendenhall and Larry Jacobson became starters by mid-season last year, Webster hopes to see his No. 1 and No. 2 picks become starters by at least mid-season of 1973. The first choice was Brad Van Pelt, from Michigan State, a unanimous All-American defensive back. At 6-5 and 235, Van Pelt will be used at outside linebacker. "He could play 22 positions in football, plus he could kickoff or kick field goals," says his ex-coach Duffy Daugherty. "He's the best all-around football player I've ever coached." Van Pelt was the winner of the Maxwell Trophy and the Giants had to outbid the baseball Cardinals to get him. The No. 2 choice was the winner of the Outland Trophy as the nation's Outstanding Lineman: Rich Glover of Nebraska, called by his coach Bob Devaney "the greatest defensive lineman I've ever seen." That says a lot since Devaney also coached Jacobson, the previous winner of the Outland Trophy. Glover is 6-1 and 240. Most scouts thought he would fit in best at linebacker but the Giants would like to use his quickness on the pass rush, as they did with Mendenhall, who is Glover's size.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Norm Snead led NFL quarterbacks in passing, completing 60.3% and having only 12 of his 325 passes intercepted. Snead is now 34 but he is hardy and may be coming into his great years, as did Y.A. Tittle with the Giants of the early 1960s. Ron Johnson is another who made the Giant traders look smart. Obtained from Cleveland several years ago for Homer Jones, Johnson had mushy knees in 1971 but came back last season to finish second in NFC rushing behind Larry Brown, averaging 4 yards a try. Charlie Evans was the other running back until he was injured and replaced by Joe Orduna and, later, rookie Vin Clements. With the veteran Joe Morrison retired, Evans, Orduna, Clements, or Rocky Thompson, figure to line up with Johnson.

Snead threw mostly to tight end Bob Tucker, second in the NFC in receptions with 55. Ron Johnson caught 45 and wide receiver Don Herrmann 20. Rich Houston is the other wide receiver. Bob Grim, unhappy during his first year in New York, is a very capable receiver, as he proved for years with the Vikings.

OFFENSIVE LINE: The Giant quarterback was dumped only 10 times, the third lowest in NFL history. Add to that the fact that the Giants were the seventh-best rushing team in the conference and you know the Giants have a strong forward wall. The tackles are Joe Taffoni and Willie Young, the guards Dick Enderle and Doug Van Horn, the center Greg Larson.

GIANTS' 1972 RECORD: WON 8, LOST 6

16	Detroit	30	29	*Denver	17
14	*Dallas	23	13	Washington	27
27	Philadelphia	12	13	St. Louis	7
45	*New Orleans	21	62	*Philadelphia	10
23	San Francisco	17	10	Cincinnati	13
27	*St. Louis	21	13	*Miami	23
16	*Washington	23	23	Dallas	3

Total Giant Pts.: 331 Total Opp. Pts.: 247 *Home Games

Guard Mark Ellison and tackle John Hill, two rookies last season, are in reserve.

DEFENSIVE LINE: The Giants ranked only ninth in total defense—seventh against the rush and tenth against the pass—so there figure to be changes through the entire unit. Last year the ends were Henry Reed and Jack Gregory (a Pro Bowler), the tackles Larry Jacobson and John Mendenhall. Returning after being out all season with injuries is tackle Jim Kanicki. Also returning are tackle Dan Goich and end Dave Tipton. With Rich Glover on hand, look for a fierce struggle, especially for Henry Reed's left-end spot.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Jim Files was on the left, Ron Hornsby in the middle and Pat Hughes on the right side. Carter Campbell and John Douglas were the backups. The Giants seem shorthanded here. Rookies Brad Van Pelt and Brian Kelley, a Little All-America (California Lutheran), will get good chances.

Safety Scott Eaton missed all of 1972 with injuries but figures to return to contest Richmond Flowers for his job. Getting a job here won't be easy—Flowers, Spider Lockhart, and the two corners, Pete Athas and Willie Williams were tied for fifth in NFC interceptions with 4 each. Two of last year's rookies, Elridge Small and Chuck Crist, will be back with added experience. The Giants gave up a high 19 touchdowns by passing (compared to a league average of 15) and Webster will look to his deep backs to reduce that toll.

SPECIALISTS: After an off-year in 1971 (6 for 17) Pete Gogolak came back to rank third in NFC field-goal kicking with 21-of-31, including 5-of-8 from the 40 to the 49. Tom Blanchard is an excellent punter. And kick returner Rocky Thompson is among the best.

OUTLOOK: If the defense continues to improve, look for the Giants to battle for first in the NFC East.

THE GIANT STARS

NORM SNEAD Quarterback No. 16
Wake Forest 6-4 215

13th Year
July 31, 1939



Surprised a lot of people in New York and points west, including Minnesota, when he led both AFC and NFC passers in 1972 after being a backup quarterback for the Vikings in 1971... Completed 60.3% of his passes for 2,307 yards and 17 touchdowns... Had only 3.7% intercepted... Completed one for 94 yards and a touchdown... Came to the Giants in the trade that sent Fran Tarkenton westward... Drives a green Jaguar... Has a passion for civil war history... "I can say I played 13 seasons in the NFL and that's something a lot of other people can't say"... "I have a great deal of confidence in my ability. I could throw a football between that chair and table if it meant winning. I do much better when I know what's expected of me."

JACK GREGORY Defensive End No. 81
Delta State 6-6 250

7th Year
Oct. 3, 1944



Came to the Giants from the Browns in a trade for draft picks and promptly made it to the Pro Bowl, where he had played in 1969... "I don't think I'm doing anything differently than before. The only thing is, my attitude is better because I like the organization better. Here you play your game and they leave you alone. They treat you like a grownup. Over there (Cleveland) you were a puppet, a yes-man"... Started four years for the Browns... Giants built their new "rover" defense around him... "I like it because it gives me a better chance not to be double-teamed. The other team doesn't know where I'm going to be"... Rushes from left or right side... A rancher in Mississippi... A pal of Joe Namath... "We frequent the same places."

PETE GOGOLAK Kicker No. 3
Cornell 6-1 190

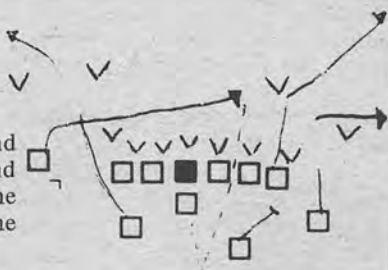
10th Year
April 18, 1942



Finished the season as the third most accurate field-goal kicker in the NFC... Booted home 67% of his shots... Kicked 8 of 8 inside the 20; 8 of 10 inside the 30; none of 3 inside the 40; 5 of 8 inside the 50; and none of 2 beyond the 50... Longest kick was for 49 yards... The original soccer-style kicker from Hungary... Doesn't like his holder to be the No. 1 quarterback... "If the holder is the No. 1 quarterback, he's still thinking about what he should have done on that last third-down situation to keep the drive going and it's got to affect his concentration"... His holder is punter Tom Blanchard... Had a weak right leg in 1971, he thinks, because he did too much long-distance running... Now concentrates on sprints and weight-lifting.

THE GIANTS' BIG PLAY

The Giants call this the split end under. While the running back and the tight end draw people out of the area, the split end cuts under the safeties for a short pass.



BOB TUCKER Tight End No. 38
Bloomsburg State 6-4 225

4th Year
June 8, 1945



The top pass catcher in the NFC in 1971, he slipped only to second in 1972, finishing behind Philadelphia's Harold Jackson . . . Caught 55 passes for 764 yards and an average gain of 13.9 . . . Caught 4 touchdown passes . . . Comes from coal-mining country of Pennsylvania . . .

"But I was a skinny kid and I wasn't much good until high school" . . . Went to a Texas school but hated the flat, dry country, and ended up back home at Bloomsburg State . . . Was a first team Little All-America but was ignored in the draft . . . Played for minor-league teams like Pottstown, Pa. . . "I play chess games with Ron Johnson and I like to win. If I was a dog catcher I'd want to catch all the dogs, I'd want to win."

RON JOHNSON Running Back No. 30
Michigan 6-1 205

5th Year
Oct. 17, 1947



Finished a close second behind Larry Brown in NFC rushing and ranked third in the entire NFL . . . Gained 1,182 yards with an average burst of 4 yards a carry . . . Only tight end Bob Tucker caught more passes for the Giants . . . Ron snared 45 for a gain of 10 yards a catch and scored 5 TDs on passes . . . Scored 9 touchdowns by rushing to share the NFC lead with Greg Landry . . . Scored the most touchdowns (14) running and passing in

the NFC . . . Lives with his wife in a luxury apartment in New Jersey but complains that some fellow tenants think his wife is a domestic . . . Grew

up in the Detroit ghetto... His brother, Alex Johnson, also played football and is now the baseball hitter who has feuded with press and management... Ron and his wife like to attend Broadway plays like *Sleuth* and *Two Gentlemen of Verona*... She works in real estate.

CARL LOCKHART Defensive Back No. 43

North Texas State 6-2 165

9th Year

April 6, 1943



With four interceptions, he was the Giant' leading catcher of other people's passes... Ran one back 29 yards for a touchdown... Has intercepted 36 passes in his career to put him among the top dozen among active defensemen... "I see the different quarterbacks and try to rank them. I look for three things—passing ability, intelligence, and the quality of the team they play for"... He rates Joe Namath and Sonny Jurgensen as the top two... Wore cardboard in his shoes as a poor boy in Dallas... Lives now in a high rise near Yankee Stadium but is angered by vandals who deface the building... A stock broker... Plays chess with his wife and is an amateur chef... Amazes other players by knocking down 200-pound backs at a playing weight of 165.

TOM BLANCHARD Punter No. 15

Oregon 6-0 190

3rd Year

May 28, 1948



Fourth best punter in the NFC last season, averaging 42.7 yards a punt... Hung out some 47 punts for a total of 2,006 yards... A 12-round choice in the 1971 draft... Was a quarterback and punter at Oregon... "I was shocked I was drafted at all, but I knew they were drafting me as a punter, even though I averaged only 40 yards a kick in college. Still I haven't given up the idea of being a QB... That's what I want the most—to be a quarterback in the pros. I throw during practice to Pete Gogolak. He has nothing much to do, either"... Has worked on increasing the "hang time" of his punts... The ideal hang time for a 40-yard kick is 4.5 seconds... "I've been dropping the ball too low. You hold your hands up and drop it higher and you get more height on your kick."

TOP ROOKIE

BRAD VAN PELT Linebacker 6-5 221

Michigan State

Gussie Busch of the baseball Cardinals had been in hot pursuit of this near-superhuman athlete who lettered for three years in baseball and football at Michigan State (he won two letters in basketball but gave up the sport to concentrate on baseball)... Giants landed him and he could be outstanding... "Has all the tools, quickness, great strength," say the coaches... Could also be used as a cornerback.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"In 1972 we got our offense to the peak we had been hoping for," says Alex Webster. "Now, in 1973, we are going to be looking at rookies like Van Pelt and Glover to mix with our veterans like Jack Gregory to give our defense a stronger pass rush and cut down on the number of touchdown passes thrown against us."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Van Pelt, Brad, LB, Michigan State; Glover, Rich, DT, Nebraska; McQuay, Leon, RB, Tampa; Brantley, Wade, DT, Troy State; Freeman, Rod, TE, Vanderbilt; Hasenohrl, George, DT, Ohio State; Paine, Ty, QB, Washington State; Love, Walter, DB, Westminster, Utah; Wideman, William, DT, North Carolina A&T; Lumpkin, Ron, DB, Arizona State; Davis, Clifton, RB, Alcorn A&M; Kelley, Brian, LB, Cal. Lutheran; Schaukowitch, Carl, G, Penn State; Nitka, Ben, K, Colorado College; Billizon, John, DE, Grambling.

NEW YORK GIANTS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			N.Y.	Opp.
Aug. 4 (Sat.)	at San Diego	8:00	—	—
Aug. 12 (Sun.)	at New England	8:00	—	—
Aug. 19 (Sun.)	New York Jets (New Haven)	2:00	—	—
Aug. 26 (Sun.)	PITTSBURGH	1:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	Philadelphia (Princeton)	2:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	Cleveland (Akron)	8:00	—	—

NEW YORK GIANTS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			N.Y.	G.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	HOUSTON	1:00	—	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	PHILADELPHIA	1:00	—	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	at Cleveland	1:00	—	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	GREEN BAY	1:00	—	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	WASHINGTON	1:00	—	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at Dallas	3:00	—	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at St. Louis	1:00	—	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at Oakland	1:00	—	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	DALLAS	1:00	—	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	ST. LOUIS	1:00	—	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	at Philadelphia	1:00	—	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at Washington	1:00	—	—	—
Dec. 10 (Mon.)	at Los Angeles	6:00	—	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	MINNESOTA	1:00	—	—	—

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres. Leonard Tose; Head Coach: Mike McCormack; Asst. Coaches: John Sandusky, John Mazur, John Idzik, Walt Michaels, Boyd Dowler, Dick LeBeau, Jerry Wampfler; Trainer: G.E. "Moose" Detty; Office: Broad Street and Pattison Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 19148; Stadium: Veterans Stadium (65,358); Colors: Kelly Green and White; Training Camp: Albright College, Reading, Pa.



Flat on his rear, Pete Liske still manages to arch a pass. He, young John Reaves and excellent receivers give the Eagles a strong pass attack.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC EAST: Dallas (2)*, N.Y. Giants (3), Philadelphia (5), St. Louis (4), Washington (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 2, Lost 11, Tied 1

STRENGTHS: Good receiving corps; two improving quarterbacks; excellent deep backs on defense.

WEAKNESSES: Poor offensive line that will depend heavily on the performance of two or three rookies to improve; running backs of doubtful quality.

Mike McCormack, a former offensive-line coach, comes to Philadelphia with a new staff to try to rebuild an Eagle team that splintered apart offensively and defensively in 1972. The Eagles ranked 13th and dead-last in the NFC in total offense and 12th of 13 in total defense. As the man

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
53	Absher, Dick	LB	6-4	235	29	7	Maryland
39	Alexander, Kermit	S	5-11	187	32	11	UCLA
54	Allen, Chuck	LB	6-0	225	33	13	Washington
75	Antwine, Houston	DT	6-0	270	34	12	Southern Illinois
11	Arlington, Rick	QB	6-3	200	26	4	Tulsa
31	Bailey, Tom	RB	6-2	211	24	3	Florida State
38	Baker, Tony	RB	5-11	229	28	6	Iowa State ✓
85	Ballman, Gary	WR-TE	6-1	215	33	12	Michigan State
46	Bouggess, Lee	RB	6-2	210	25	3	Louisville
28	Bradley, Bill	S-P	5-11	190	26	5	Texas
-	Bulaich, Norm	RB	6-1	218	26	4	Texas Christian
95	Bunting, John	LB	6-1	220	23	2	North Carolina
77	Calloway, Ernie	DT	6-6	255	25	5	Texas Southern
17	Carmichael, Harold	WR	6-8	225	23	3	Southern U.
66	Cody, Bill	LB	6-1	230	29	7	Auburn
8	Coleman, Al	S	6-0	183	29	6	Tennessee State
58	Creech, Bob	LB	6-3	228	24	3	Texas Christian
47	Crowe, Larry	RB	6-1	198	23	2	Texas Southern
19	Dempsey, Tom	K	6-1	255	26	4	Palomar, J. C.
81	Estes, Lawrence	DE	6-6	250	26	4	Alcorn A&M
59	Evans, Mike	C	6-5	250	27	6	Boston College
45	Gibbs, Pat	CB	5-10	188	23	2	Lamar
84	Harris, Richard	DE	6-5	260	25	3	Grambling
18	Hawkins, Ben	WR	6-1	180	29	8	Arizona State
80	Hoss, Clark	TE	6-8	235	24	2	Oregon State
83	Hultz, Don	DT	6-3	241	32	11	Southern Mississippi
29	Jackson, Harold	WR	5-10	175	27	6	Jackson State
27	James, Ron	RB	6-1	202	24	2	New Mexico State
51	Kelley, Ike	LB	5-11	224	29	7	Ohio State
72	Key, Wade	T	6-5	245	26	4	Southwest Texas State
20	Keyes, Leroy	S	6-3	208	26	5	Purdue
87	Kramer, Kent	TE	6-4	235	29	6	Minnesota
14	Liske, Pete	QB	6-2	200	31	6	Penn State
63	Luken, Tom	G	6-3	253	23	2	Purdue
78	Mass, Wayne	T	6-4	245	27	6	Clemson
36	McNeill, Tom	P	6-1	195	31	7	Stephen F. Austin
26	Nelson, Al	CB	5-11	186	29	9	Cincinnati
68	Nordquist, Mark	G	6-4	246	27	6	Pacific
56	Overmyer, Bill	LB	6-3	220	24	2	Ashland
88	Pettigrew, Gary	DT	6-5	255	28	8	Stanford
50	Porter, Ron	LB	6-3	232	28	7	Idaho
24	Ramsey, Nate	CB	6-1	200	32	11	Indiana
6	Reaves, John	QB	6-3	210	23	2	Florida
74	Smith, Steve	T	6-5	250	29	7	Michigan
96	Sodaski, John	LB	6-2	222	25	3	Villanova
73	Stevens, Richard	T	6-4	240	25	4	Baylor
25	Sullivan, Tom	RB	6-0	190	23	2	Miami
99	Tom, Mel	DE	6-4	249	32	7	San Jose State
9	Walik, Bill	WR	5-11	180	25	4	Villanova
7	Ward, Jim	QB	6-2	200	29	6	Gettysburg
34	Watkins, Larry	RB	6-2	230	26	5	Alcorn A&M
67	Winfield, Vern	G	6-2	248	24	2	Minnesota
-	Wright, Steve	T	6-6	250	31	10	Alabama
89	Zabel, Steve	LB	6-4	235	25	4	Oklahoma ✓

says, the Eagles have no place else to go except up.

But it will take time for the Eagles to get up. McCormack's first task will be to rebuild an offensive line that permitted far too many QB dumps while failing to move the ball on the ground. The Eagle offense ranked 24th in the NFL. McCormack is counting on several rookies to bolster that offensive line, notably No. 1 draft pick Jerry Sisemore, the Texas All-America tackle. But offensive lines need time to meld together as a single striking unit. And to beef up the running game, McCormack is counting on Norm Bulaich, obtained from Baltimore, who is a great running back when he is healthy, but he has been hobbled by a muscle-contracting condition in his legs that might be chronic.

"We have a better coaching staff than we've had down here in a long time," says one Eagle official, "so that at least gives us hope." Hope may be all the Eagles will have in 1973.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Rookie quarterback John Reaves was outstanding for the Eagles, ranking 10th in the NFC with a 48% completion rate, a promising performance considering he was a rookie operating behind a sieve-like line. He shared the job with veteran Pete Liske, who completed 51% of his passes. McCormack is likely to alternate the two as he puts together a new team.

Rookie Ron "Po" James led the Eagle runners, gaining 565 yards and a 3.1-yard average. Veteran Tony Baker was next best with 322 yards. Norm Bulaich will be a starter if he is healthy and Lee Bouggess, out all last season with a bum knee, returns along with Larry Watkins. McCormack will sort all these names out looking for a winning pair.

Liske and Reaves threw to a pair of speedy wide receivers—Harold Jackson, who led the NFL with 62 catches, and Ben Hawkins, who caught 30. Tight end Gary Ballman is gone to the Giants and McCormack is counting on yet another rookie, Charlie Young, a first-round choice from USC, to step into the tight end spot.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Mike Evans figures to be the center. Mark Nordquist and Tom Luken may be the guards. Veteran guard Jim Skaggs has said he will retire. The veteran tackles are Wade Key and Steve Smith, but Sisemore figures to move in at one tackle spot and another rookie, second-round choice Guy Morris (TCU), could start at guard. This figures to be a unit where a lot of faces may come and go.

DEFENSIVE LINE: The ends were Mel Tom and Richard Harris, the tackles Don Hultz and Ernie Callaway, with veterans Houston Antwine and Gary Pettigrew also on hand. But look for seventh-round choice Bill Wynn (Tennessee State) and Gary Van Elst (Michigan State) to get a good chance to win a job. Off last season's record, no one is safe. "Everyone's job is up for grabs," says one Eagle.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Ron Porter and Steve Zabel are the outside linebackers. Chuck Allen has said he will retire and Dick Absher will get

EAGLES' 1972 RECORD: WON 2, LOST 11, TIED 1

6	Dallas	28	6	*St. Louis	6
17	*Cleveland	27	18	Houston	17
12	*New York Giants	27	7	*Dallas	28
0	Washington	14	10	New York Giants	62
3	*Los Angeles	34	7	*Washington	23
21	Kansas City	20	12	*Chicago	21
3	New Orleans	21	23	St. Louis	24

Total Eagle Pts.: 145 Total Opp. Pts.: 352 *Home Games

first crack at the job in the middle. But there are a flock of veterans on hand—John Bunting, Bill Cody, Bob Creech, Ike Kelley, Bill Overmyer—along with rookie John Nokes (Northern Illinois) so here again look for a scramble.

The deep backs are the only unit on the team that is relatively settled. Free safety Bill Bradley led the NFL for the second straight season in interceptions by picking off 9. The weak safety is Leroy Keyes with Al Nelson and Nate Ramsey in the corners. But a rookie who will get a chance here is third-round draft choice Randy Logan (Michigan).

SPECIALISTS: Tom Dempsey is an erratic kicker who hasn't always been in the best of shape. Last year, for example, he kicked 2 of 4 from beyond the 50, yet he kicked only 3 of 6 from between the 20 and the 30. You figure it out. Bill Bradley did the punting last season but Tom McNeill, out last season with a knee injury, will return to claim his job. Bradley did a creditable job so the "taking" won't be easy. The kick return teams were so-so at best.

OUTLOOK: A .500 season would be sensational for a team with problems almost everywhere and depending too heavily on rookies.

JOHN REAVES Quarterback No. 6
Florida 6-3 205

2nd Year
March 2, 1950



The Eagles' \$200,000 quarterback... Shared the job much of the way with Pete Liske, but played more than Liske and ranked 10th among NFC passers... Completed 108 of 224 passes for a 48.2% rate of completion... Threw 7 TD passes... Had 5.4% intercepted... Generally a creditable performance for a rookie... "I think I put more pressure on myself than anyone else does. I read in a magazine where Bobby Fischer was a turbulent, arrogant,

immature, paranoid, hypersensitive individual . . . I think I see some of those qualities in myself" . . . First name is Thomas but prefers middle name . . . "I am by no means a wealthy man. If I was hurt tomorrow, what kind of a job could I get? I do want to gain financial independence . . . Sometimes I am a male chauvinist pig, but mostly the girls tell me what to do like they do everyone else. They are the most fantastic creatures."

HAROLD JACKSON Wide Receiver No. 29
Jackson State 5-10 175

6th Year
Jan. 6, 1946



The top pass catcher in both the AFC and the NFC after finishing third in the NFC in 1971 . . . Caught 62 passes for 1,048 yards—the only NFL receiver other than John Gilliam to top 1,000 yards . . . Averaged 16.9 yards a catch . . . Caught 4 for touchdowns, including one he broke for 77 yards . . . Insists he can outrun Bob Hayes, but doesn't claim he is the fastest receiver in the league . . . Yet he may be . . . Proved that the bedroom can be more dangerous than a football field when he injured his left knee slipping on the floor while pulling on his socks . . . "The perfect receiver would have (Raymond) Berry's sideline moves, (Lance) Alworth's flag patterns and Hayes' speed."

BILL BRADLEY Safety No. 28
Texas 5-11 190

5th Year
Jan. 24, 1947



Led the NFL in interceptions for the second straight season, pulling down 9 . . . Returned them an average of 8.1 yards . . . In college was a quarterback who could not master the option . . . Was switched to defensive back in his senior season . . . A close friend of ex-Eagle Tim Rossoovich, another free spirit like Bradley . . . Likes to sit on park benches and watch people walk by . . . Went on a foot-loose tour of Europe, hooking up for a week with some young Danes and "spending my time playing my harmonica and sleeping in sleeping bags" . . . Tools a Volkswagen bus around Philadelphia . . . "A bit of a hippie but I always loved him," says Texas coach Darrell Royal . . . "He's happiest when he's alone," says a girl friend . . . "Why in the land of the free do they want you to cut your hair?" he asks . . . Of his success: "I laid the groundwork for it with a lot of hard work my first two years in Philadelphia."

THE EAGLES' BIG PLAY

This is a pass play used often by last season's Eagles. The two tight ends criss cross. The quarterback fakes a handoff, bringing up the linebackers, leaving open one of the tight ends. Note the fake block thrown by the tight end on the right.



TOM DEMPSEY Kicker No. 19

Palomar J.C. 6-1 265

5th Year

Jan. 12, 1941



After leading the NFC in accuracy in 1971, dropped to ninth in 1972, hitting only 57% of his boots... Was 6 of 6 inside the 20; 3 of 6 inside the 30; 7 of 10 inside the 40; 2 of 9 inside the 50; and 2 of 4 beyond the 50... Longest kick was 52 yards... Has problems keeping down his weight... Born with only half of right foot and a stub of right hand... Wears \$150 shoe on right foot... "If I have a bad day, I don't read the papers."

NORM BULAICH Running Back

Texas Christian 6-2 218

4th Year

Dec. 25, 1946



Has been limping off and on for three seasons on legs that tighten up on him... Started off last season with a flash for the Colts (he was their first-round draft choice in 1970) by carrying 17 times for 80 yards against the Cardinals in season's opener. Then leg muscles tightened and he carried only 18 times the rest of the season for a scanty 29 yards... Traded to the Eagles early this year... "The problem is in my hamstrings on the backs of my thighs," he says. "They're just not strong enough to complement the rest of the muscle structure in my legs"... Doctors have prescribed special exercises to build up the hamstrings and he expects to be the runner who was eighth in AFC rushing in 1971... A good pass-catcher.

AL NELSON Cornerback No. 26

Cincinnati 5-11 186

9th Year

Oct. 27, 1943



Also goes by the name of Pete... Set the NFL record for returning a missed field goal when he brought one back 100 yards in 1966... Was a third-round draft choice of the Eagles in 1965 and has been a regular since... Compares the salaries of pass catchers with defenders in acid tones: "If they are going to pay Charley Taylor \$70,000 a year to catch passes, why not cornerbacks? If he catches a pass in the end zone, it counts for seven points on the scoreboard. If I knock one down in the end zone, it counts

for nothing and no one pays attention. It's really an inequity. Some day general managers are going to realize the difficulties of playing this position. A cornerback is in a hell of a position. If he makes a mistake, he ends up chasing the receiver by yourself with 65,000 people watching and you feel mighty foolish. The cornerback has no place to hide. He is sitting out there on one side of the field all by himself."

RON "PO" JAMES Running Back No. 27

2nd Year

New Mexico State 6-1 202

March 19, 1949



A rookie who got his chance when Lee Bougness was hurt... Led the Eagles in rushing with 565 yards, an average of 3.1 a crack... Caught 20 passes for an average gain of 7 yards... Scored one touchdown on a pass, none by rushing... Played on the specialty teams before starting... "I'm a specialist's specialist," he said... A cocky one, say the coaches... Comes from New Brighton, Pa., just across the bridge from Beaver Falls...

Might have set an NCAA all-time rushing record but had a poor senior year after having trouble with his coaches... Refused to run in college at 6 a.m. so coaches made him run at 3 a.m.... "The poor coach had to get out of bed and leave his wife and family to see me run. I don't think he ever saw me for the darkness"... Writes songs.

TOP ROOKIES

JERRY SISEMORE Tackle 6-4 255

Texas

Third pick in the draft... Picked to the Time All-America by the pro scouts... "He is a beast," says one scout. "A tough stud who hounds people—I mean really gets after them"... Joining a team with all kinds of problems, he figures to start as a rookie... Called "the best offensive lineman in the country."

CHARLIE YOUNG Tight End 6-4 255

Texas

Gridiron says of Young and Sisemore: "No team ever got such a good group of offensive linemen at one time"... "The Eagles took the best offensive lineman and the best tight end in college football and an excellent guard in Guy Morris"... All could be starters... Also on the Time All-America... "An aggressive receiver who catches anything near him."

TIP FROM THE COACH

"It's no secret that improvement has to come from the offense," says new coach Mike McCormack. "We could have the best defense in the league and if we only score 12 touchdowns in 14 games (as the Eagles did last year) we'd be in trouble. Our top priority will be the offensive line . . . As an opposing coach last year (with Washington), the Eagles impressed me as a tough defensive club."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Sisemore, Jerry, T, Texas; Young, Charlie, TE, So. California; Morris, Guy, G, Texas Christian; Logan, Randy, DB, Michigan; Picard, Bob, WR, Eastern Washington; Wynn, William, DE, Tennessee State; Lintner, Dan, DB, Indiana; Nokes, John, LB, Northern Illinois; Van Elst, Gary, DT, Michigan State; Lavender, Joe, DB, San Diego State; Davis, Stan, WR, Memphis State; Sacra, Ralph, T, Texas A&M; Schlezes, Ken, DB, Notre Dame; Dowsing, Frank, DB, Mississippi State; Oliver, Greg, RB, Trinity, Texas.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Phil.	Opp.
Aug. 4 (Sat.)	Buffalo (Jacksonville)	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	at Cincinnati	8:00	—	—
Aug. 16 (Thurs.)	PITTSBURGH	8:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	at San Diego	8:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	New York Giants (Princeton)	2:00	—	—
Sept. 8 (Sat.)	New York Jets (Tampa)	8:00	—	—

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Phil.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	ST. LOUIS	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at New York Giants	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	WASHINGTON	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at Buffalo	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	at St. Louis	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at Minnesota	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	DALLAS	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	NEW ENGLAND	1:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	ATLANTA	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at Dallas	1:00	—	—
Nov. 25 (Sun.)	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	NEW YORK JETS	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	at Washington	1:00	—	—

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Managing Gen. Partner: William V. Bidwill; Coach: Don Coryell; Asst. Coaches: Rod Dowhower, Joe Gibbs, Jim Hanifan, Sid Hall, Jackie Simpson, Ray Willsey; Director of Player Personnel: George Boone; Trainer: John Omohundro; Office: 200 Stadium Plaza, St. Louis, Mo. 63102; Stadium: Busch Memorial (51,184); Colors: Cardinal Red, White and Black; Training Camp: Illinois State, Normal, Ill.



Tight end Jackie Smith plops on the turf, eyes still on the ball, as a Dolphin comes up to bury him. The Cards boast excellent pass catchers.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC EAST: Dallas (2)*, New York Giants (3), Philadelphia (5), St. Louis (4), Washington (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 4, Lost 9, Tied 1

STRENGTHS: Good pass catchers among the wide receivers and at tight end; tested veterans like Ernie McMillan and Larry Stallings to build around.

WEAKNESSES: An offense that spun its wheels last season; mediocre defense against the pass and run; poor special teams.

You look at the NFC stats and you have to wonder how now-deposed head coach Bob Hollway managed a 4-9-1 record. It would seem the Cardinals should have been 0-14. They were last in total offense, last in rushing offense, 10th in passing offense, last in total defense, 11th in rushing defense and last in passing defense, 11th in punting, 12th in

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
37	Allen, Jeff	CB	5-11	190	25	2	Iowa State ✓
44	Anderson, Donny	RB-P	6-3	210	30	8	Texas Tech
57	Arneson, Mark	LB	6-2	220	23	2	Arizona
25	Bakken, Jim	K	6-0	195	32	12	Wisconsin
54	Banks, Tom	C-G	6-1	240	25	3	Auburn
48	Baynham, Craig	RB	6-1	205	29	7	Georgia Tech
31	Beatty, Chuck	S	6-2	205	26	5	North Texas State
89	Beckman, Tom	DE	6-5	250	22	2	Michigan
55	Bradley, Dave	G	6-3	245	26	5	Penn State
86	Brumm, Don	DE	6-4	245	31	11	Purdue
38	Burns, Leon	RB	6-1	235	28	3	Cal State-Long Beach
47	Conley, Steve	LB	6-2	225	24	2	Kansas ✓
15	Cuzzo, Gary	QB	6-0	195	32	11	Virginia
72	Dierdorf, Dan	T-G	6-4	265	25	3	Michigan
66	Dobler, Conrad	G	6-3	250	22	2	Wyoming
20	Farr, Miller	CB	6-1	190	29	8	Wichita State
84	Gillette, Walker	WR	6-5	200	26	4	Richmond
85	Gray, Mel	WR	5-9	170	24	3	Missouri ✓
49	Hackbart, Dale	S	6-3	210	35	12	Wisconsin
60	Hargrove, Jim	LB	6-3	225	28	6	Howard Payne
17	Hart, Jim	QB	6-2	200	29	8	Southern Illinois
32	Hayden, Leo	RB	6-0	210	25	3	Ohio State
74	Heron, Fred	DT	6-4	260	28	8	San Jose State
65	Hutchison, Chuck	G	6-3	240	24	4	Ohio State
88	Hyatt, Fred	WR	6-3	210	27	6	Auburn
82	Imhof, Martin	DE	6-6	255	23	2	San Diego State
80	McFarland, Jim	TE	6-5	225	25	4	Nebraska ✓
56	McGill, Mike	LB	6-2	235	30	6	Notre Dame
73	McMillan, Ernie	T	6-6	255	35	13	Illinois
58	Miller, Terry	LB	6-2	225	27	4	Illinois
28	Moore, Bobby	WR	6-2	210	23	2	Oregon
50	Mulligan, Wayne	C	6-2	245	26	5	Clemson
76	Palmer, Scott	DT	6-3	245	25	3	Texas
30	Person, Ara	TE	6-2	220	24	2	Morgan State
71	Richardson, John	DT	6-2	250	28	7	UCLA
53	Rivers, Jamie	LB	6-2	235	27	6	Bowling Green ✓
23	Roland, John	RB	6-2	215	30	8	Missouri
75	Rowe, Bob	DT	6-4	260	28	7	Western Michigan
81	Smith, Jackie	TE	6-4	235	33	11	Northwest Louisiana
87	Staggs, Jeff	LB	6-2	240	29	7	San Diego State
67	Stallings, Larry	LB	6-2	230	31	11	Georgia Tech
35	Stegent, Larry	RB	6-1	200	25	2	Texas A&M
-	Taylor, Mike	T	6-5	246	28	5	Southern California
43	Thompson, Norm	CB	6-1	175	28	3	Utah
-	Tolbert, Jim	CB	6-4	202	28	8	Lincoln, Mo. ✓
16	Van Galder, Tim	QB	6-1	190	29	2	Iowa State ✓
40	Washington, Eric	CB	6-2	190	23	2	Texas-El Paso
22	Wehrli, Roger	CB-S	6-1	195	25	5	Missouri
42	Wicks, Bob	WR	6-3	195	23	2	Utah State
33	Willingham, Larry	S	6-1	190	24	3	Auburn
78	Yankowski, Ron	DE	6-5	245	26	3	Kansas State ✓
64	Young, Bob	G	6-2	260	31	8	Howard Payne

punt-returning, and—this should hardly be a surprise—next-to-last in scoring. The Cardinals lucked through one victory against a Colt team that outplayed them, squeaked by with a two-point margin against the Vikings, beat the Rams convincingly, then edged the hapless Eagles by a point in a meaningless season-end game.

Injuries robbed the Cardinals of several key operatives last season, notably veteran guards Chuck Hutchinson and Dave Bradley on offense, and linebackers Jamie Rivers and Mike McGill on defense. New coach Don Coryell, who had a 104-19-2 record at San Diego State, figures to try to rebuild the Big Red around them and the likes of All-Pro offensive tackle Ernie McMillan and linebacker Larry Stallings. But it would seem a necessity that he decide on a No. 1 quarterback among Jim Hart, Gary Cuozzo, and Tim Van Galder, all of whom started at one time or another last season. Hart guided the Cardinals to triumphs in their last two games and he figures to be the No. 1 man when the pre-season begins. But look for rookie Gary Keithley, a second-round choice from Texas-El Paso, to get a close look. He's highly recommended.

Coryell walks into a grim situation: rebuilding a team that plays in a tough conference. The Cardinals must also play non-conference opponents like Atlanta, Detroit, Green Bay, Cincinnati and Oakland. Send him your prayers.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Hart threw for 334 yards against the Eagles and his season interception percentage was only 4.2%, lowest ever by any Cardinal. He completed 50.4% of his passes. Cuozzo completed only 43.7% and ranked 13th of the 13 rated NFC quarterbacks. The two running backs are Johnny Roland (3.9-yard average) and Donny Anderson (3.5). Neither is the big back the Cardinals need. And both lack breakaway speed. Behind them are veterans Craig Baynham and Leon Burns.

Hart or Cuozzo will throw to good pass catchers. The wide receivers are Bobby Moore and Walker Gillette with Mel Gray, out last year with injuries, also on hand. Roland led the team in pass-catching last season with 38 and tight end Jackie Smith, with 393 career catches, is only 25 short of Bobby Joe Conrad's Big Red record.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Veteran Ernie McMillan has played in 160 consecutive games and he'll anchor the line at right tackle. At the other tackle figures to be Dan Dierdorf, who also plays guard. Tom Banks or veteran Wayne Mulligan will be at center. Banks, Conrad Dobler and Bob Young will be among the candidates at guard. Look for rookies Fred Sturt, a guard, Tom Brahaney, a center, Ken Jones, a guard, and Dean Unruh, a tackle, to get a good chance to join this unit, which needs to improve to make the rushing game go.

CARDINALS' 1972 RECORD: WON 4, LOST 9, TIED 1

10	Baltimore	3	6	Philadelphia	6
10	Washington	24	24	Dallas	33
19	*Pittsburgh	25	7	*New York Giants	13
19	Minnesota	17	10	Miami	31
3	*Washington	33	6	*Dallas	27
21	New York Giants	27	24	*Los Angeles	14
10	*Chicago	27	24	*Philadelphia	23

Total Cardinal Pts.: 193 Total Opp. Pts.: 303 *Home Games

DEFENSIVE LINE: The Big Red had a poor pass rush last season. Thus the Cardinals' first-round draft choice was 6-7, 280-pound Dave Butz, an All-America defensive tackle from Purdue. He could start at end or tackle. Don Brumm, Ron Yankowski and Martin Imhof will be among the candidates at end with Bob Rowe almost certain to be at right tackle and John Richardson or Fred Heron, who shared the job last year, dueling for the left-tackle job. Rookies Bonnie Sloan, Danny Sanspree and Jim Hann will also get a chance to join a Front Four that needs improving.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Middle linebacker Mark Arneson was Cardinal "rookie of the year" after he took over for the injured Jamie Rivers. Rivers will be back looking for starting roles. A tested pro, Larry Stallings, is on the right side, with Terry Miller and Jeff Staggs among the ones vying for the left linebacking job.

Gone from the secondary is safety Larry Wilson, a retired All-Pro who will be missed. Miller Farr and Norm Thompson figure to be at the corners with Roger Wehrli and Chuck Beatty at safety, but this unit is also likely to be reshuffled by the new coach. Eric Washington and Jeff Allen along with rookies Dwayne Crump, Phil Andre and Ed Robinson will get a chance to strut their stuff. Also in the spotlight is Jim Tolbert, picked up from the Oilers in a trade.

SPECIALISTS: Jim Bakken kicked 63% of his field goals, ranking fifth in the NFC. But the punting by Anderson and others was weak, and the kick-return teams among the worst in the entire NFL.

OUTLOOK: Almost certainly, at best, a year for rebuilding. The Cardinals would be very fortunate to equal last season's 4-9-1 record and fourth-place finish.

THE CARDINAL STARS

DONNY ANDERSON Running Back-Punter
Texas Tech 6-3 210

8th Year
May 16, 1943



Led the Cardinals in rushing in his first year with the team, picking up 536 yards for a 3.5 average... Scored four touchdowns... Booted the most punts in the NFC: 72... Ranked 11th in punting with an average of 39.5 yards... Earned his high salary by also catching 28 passes for 298 yards and two touchdowns... Real first name is Garry... Came to the Cardinals in swap for MacArthur Lane who averaged 4.6 for the Cardinals... "The writers have said I never lived up to my promise," he says, speaking of \$600,000 he got for signing with the Packers... "Since I've been in the NFL I've done all the things I did in college—punt, catch passes, run with the ball. I only played the equivalent of four full seasons at Green Bay and finished up as the Packers' fifth leading all-time rusher."

ERNIE McMILLAN Tackle No. 73
Illinois 6-6 255

13th Year
Feb. 21, 1938



Last survivor of the great offensive line of the Big Red in the 1960s: he and Bob DeMarco, Ken Gray, Bob Reynolds, Irv Goode... "What it takes to be a pro is pride in doing a job. What else is there for an offensive lineman? The only reward you get is knowing you helped the team to move the ball and score. Or you helped the offense to keep the ball a long time. The greatest thrill is just the sheer elation of victory"... Works in the off-season on Proud, a magazine for blacks, in St. Louis... "What we are trying to do with Proud is let black people get a little self-respect."

JIM HART Quarterback No. 17
Southern Illinois 6-2 200

8th Year
April 29, 1944



Came back strong in the last part of the season to re-win the starting quarterback job he'd lost to Gary Cuozzo... Completed 60 of 119 passes for a 50.4% completion rate... Had only 4.2% intercepted, low for him... Faced pressure early in his pro career when Charley Johnson was hauled into the Army in 1967 and Jim had to take over a pro offense in his second year... Was hampered later when Johnson returned and the team split into Charley Johnson and Jim Hart cliques... Has to watch his weight and likes to jog and play paddle tennis in Busch Stadium during the baseball season... "I'd love to work out with the baseball Cardinals," he says, "but they won't let me"... An all-around good athlete in college... Lives in a hilly suburb of St. Louis and likes to have big dogs trotting around his spacious home... Cherub-faced and friendly, he looks much younger than 29... For the last few years a lot of people have been

THE CARDINALS' BIG PLAY

This is called a weak-side sweep. Note how the pulling right guard leads the downfield blocking. Also note that there are not as many blockers in front of the ball carrier as there are on the power sweep. The ball carrier aims for the slot between the tackle and the split end.



predicting he would become a top-flight NFL quarterback and 1973 would figure to be his year if it is to happen.

LARRY STALLINGS Linebacker No. 67
Georgia Tech 6-2 230

11th Year
Dec. 11, 1941



Has an engineering degree from his alma mater... "You play to whip the guy across from you. All that's part of the game. You have to approach the game with the idea of punishing the other guy. You can never tell what all that punishment will add up to in the fourth quarter. I have always described football in the sense that it is a whole sum of individual battles. You win some and you lose some, but in the end you want to win more than the other guy wins"... Is slowing up but experience, he says, makes up for lack of quickness... "I don't take as many steps in the wrong direction."

BOBBY MOORE Wide Receiver No. 28
Oregon 6-2 210

2nd Year
Nov. 19, 1949



A rookie who made good right away with the Cardinals... Caught a pass from Jim Hart against Los Angeles and took it 98 yards—the longest pass completion of the season—but he did not score... It was the longest non-touchdown pass completion in NFL history... Caught a total of 29 passes for 500 yards and a 17.2-yard average... "What was hard about my rookie season wasn't the learning part; it was not catching passes. I had hoped to touch the ball 8 or 9 times a game. I just haven't been a big part of the offense. I feel bad not playing ball. I did little blocking in college and I had to learn to block. I'm confident I can handle it"... His brother, a real estate man, negotiated his contract... Dates a Playboy Bunny... "I like him because he's so sweet," she says.

JIM BAKKEN Kicker No. 25
Wisconsin 6-0 200

12th Year
Nov. 2, 1940



Ranked fifth in the NFC last season in field-goal kicking accuracy... Booted through the uprights 63.6% of his attempts... Hit on 4 of 5 inside the 20; 2 of 5 inside the 30; 2 of 3 inside the 40; 6 of 9 inside the 50... "You have to work with the same people in practice and in the game—the center and the ball-holder," he says... Once kicked 7 field goals in a game—an NFL record... Set another record by kicking at least one field goal in 19 straight games—a record since broken by Minnesota's Fred Cox... His 61 points led the Cardinals in scoring... But missed 2 of 21 extra-point attempts.

JOHNNY ROLAND Running Back No. 23
Missouri 6-2 215

8th Year
May 21, 1943



Gained an average of 3.9 yards and totaled 414 for an erratic Cardinal offense... Longest run was only 18 yards... Led the team in pass catching with 38 and averaged 8.4 yards a catch... Has done it all in NFL: thrown passes (5 for 8 in 1966), rushed, caught passes, returned punts and kickoffs... Played in 1966 and 1967 Pro Bowls... Injured knees have slowed him down in recent years... Holds mark for most rushing yardage by a Cardinal... "I've never been known for my blazing speed," he says. "It's been my quickness in getting to the hole that's helped me make the pros"... Has a B.S. degree in business administration.

TOP ROOKIES

DAVE BUTZ Defensive Tackle 6-7 279

Purdue

"Pops through there before the pass blockers are set up," says a scout... Exceptional quickness for his size... Has all the makings of another Deacon Jones... On the Time All-America... Joins a team looking for defensive linemen... Figures to be a starter before the end of the season.

GARY KEITHLEY Quarterback 6-3 205

Texas-El Paso

One pro football writer, Gene Roswell of the New York Post, says "Gary Keithley may be the best QB in the draft"... Which says a lot in a draft that included Bert Jones, Gary Huff and Joe Ferguson... Keithley's release has been compared to Namath's... Is familiar with the pro offense and has that quality unusual in a young quarterback: He can find the secondary receiver.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"We want to become a winning football team," says new head coach Don Coryell. "And one obvious key to doing this will be becoming more of an offensive football team. Defense is very important in this league, but I also believe in scoring. We want to attack the defense and throw the football . . ."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Butz, Dave, DT, Purdue; Keithley, Gary, QB, Texas-El Paso; Sturt, Fred, G, Bowling Green; Metcalf, Terry, RB, Long Beach State; Brahaney, Tom, C, Oklahoma; Crump, Dwayne, DB, Fresno State; Andre, Phil, DB, Washington; Jones, Ken, T, Oklahoma; Garrett, Kenneth, RB, Wake Forest; King, Ken, LB, Kentucky; Sloan, Bonnie, DT, Austin Peay; Sanspree, Dan, DE, Auburn; Unruh, Dean, T, Oklahoma; Robinson, Edward, DB, Lamar; Peiffer, Dan, G, S.E. Missouri; Parker, Melvin, LB, Duke; Hann, Jim, LB, Montana; Crone, Eric, QB, Harvard.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

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Sept. 1 (Sat.)	at Chicago	8:00	—	—
Sept. 7 (Fri.)	KANSAS CITY	8:00	—	—

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

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			St. L.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at Philadelphia	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	WASHINGTON	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	at Dallas	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	OAKLAND	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	PHILADELPHIA	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	at Washington	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00	—	—
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Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at Green Bay	1:00	—	—
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Nov. 25 (Sun.)	at Cincinnati	1:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	DETROIT	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	at Atlanta	1:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	DALLAS	1:00	—	—

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Lou Spadia; V.P. for Personnel: Jack White; Head Coach: Dick Nolan; Asst. Coaches: Jim Shofner, Doug Scovil, Dick Stanfel, Chet Franklin, Paul Wiggin, Mike Giddings, Don Heinrich; Trainer: Lincoln Kimura; Office: 1255 Post St., San Francisco, Calif. 94109; Stadium: Candlestick Park (61,144); Colors: Scarlet and Gold; Training Camp: University of California at Santa Barbara.



Tight end Bob Windsor hugs a pass as Redskins' Harold McLinton arrives a couple of steps too late. 49ers' strong suit is their passing.

SCOUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC WEST: Atlanta (2)*, Los Angeles (3), New Orleans (4), San Francisco (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 8, Lost 5, Tied 1

STRENGTHS: Two top-rated quarterbacks; excellent offensive and defensive lines; reliable and experienced pass catchers; good deep secondary.

WEAKNESSES: Lack of outside running backs; a question mark at middle linebacker; a tendency to be hurt by a good passing attack.

The 49ers were Western Division champions in 1972—as they have been every year since the division was organized in 1970. But again the 49ers were bridesmaids, bowing to Dallas in the opening round of the playoffs. In the last five years the 49ers are no better than 2-3 in playoff games.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

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50	Beard, Ed	LB	6-2	216	33	9	Tennessee
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75	Blue, Forrest	C	6-5	261	28	6	Auburn
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86	Hardman, Cedrick	DE	6-4	255	24	4	North Texas State
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56	Hoskins, Bob	DT	6-3	251	28	4	Wichita
54	Huff, Marty	LB	6-2	234	24	2	Michigan
17	Isenbarger, John	RB	6-3	196	26	4	Indiana
37	Johnson, Jimmy	CB	6-2	187	35	13	UCLA
70	Krueger, Charlie	DT	6-4	255	36	15	Texas A&M
78	Krueger, Rolf	DE—DT	6-4	253	25	5	Texas A&M
82	Kwalick, Ted	TE	6-4	226	26	5	Penn State
15	McCann, Jim	P	6-3	166	24	3	Arizona State
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64	Wilcox, Dave	LB	6-3	241	30	9	Oregon
40	Willard, Ken	RB	6-1	219	30	9	North Carolina
88	Witcher, Dick	TE	6-3	204	28	8	UCLA

This season the 49ers must overcome an arduous schedule to win a fourth-straight division title. They take on both Super Bowl teams, Miami and Washington, plus two division winners—Green Bay and Pittsburgh. And then there are tough Western Division opponents Atlanta and Los Angeles.

To get through that gauntlet, Coach Dick Nolan must find some healthy running backs; the 49ers were 10th in the NFC in rushing last season. And he must find a healthy middle linebacker.

Injuries apparently had destroyed the 49ers last season when No. 1 quarterback John Brodie hurt an ankle in the fifth game. With the 49ers' record a bleak 2-3, untested QB Steve Spurrier came off the bench. He led the team to a 7-5-1 record and into the final game against the Vikings, one the 49ers had to win to be division champions. In the last few minutes Brodie came off the bench to pitch two touchdown passes for a 20-17 last-gasp victory and the division championship. Now Nolan has two quarterbacks as, one more time, he tries to bring the 49ers all the way to that shiny pot of gold called Super Bowl.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: In his 16th year as a pro, Brodie completed 63.6% of the 110 passes he threw, 9 for touchdowns. Spurrier ranked fifth among NFC passers, completing 54.6%, 18 for TDs. Like most NFL playoff teams today, the 49ers now have two outstanding QBs.

Spurrier or Brodie will be throwing to two excellent receivers: wide receiver Gene Washington (46 catches) and tight end Ted Kwalick (40). Both are Pro Bowlers. Together they caught 21 TD passes, almost half the team's total of 43 touchdowns. Looking to fill the other wide-receiver spot will be Preston Riley, John Isenbarger or former No. 1 draft choice Terry Beasley, who was hurt last year.

The running-back situation is muddled. Vic Washington and Ken Willard are two proven ball-carriers, but they ran hurt much of last season, Washington gaining only 468 yards, Willard only 345. Can they come back? Behind them are unproven Larry Schreiber and Jimmy Thomas, plus veteran Doug Cunningham, who taxied last season. Nolan will look at rookies Dave Atkins, (Texas-El Paso), Roger Praetorius (Syracuse) and Tom Dahlberg (Gustavus Adolphus). Nolan may have to trade for the speedy outside runner he seems to lack.

OFFENSIVE LINE: They call them The Protectors in San Francisco because they so seldom allow their QB to be dumped. Last year, though Spurrier or Brodie went down more than 20 times, one reason being injuries and another being the line's unfamiliarity with Spurrier. Healthy, it may be the best offensive line in the business. All-Pro Forrest Blue is the center, the guards Woody Peoples and Randy Beisler, the tackles Len Rohde and Cas Banaszek.

DEFENSIVE LINE: It dumped the QB 46 times last season—best in the NFL. The defensive ends are young Tommy Hart, who led with 17 sacks,

49ERS' 1972 RECORD: WON 8, LOST 5, TIED 1

34	*San Diego	3	24	Green Bay (Mil)	34
20	Buffalo	27	24	*Baltimore	21
37	New Orleans	2	34	Chicago	21
7	Los Angeles	31	31	Dallas	10
17	*New York Giants	23	16	*Los Angeles	26
20	*New Orleans	20	20	*Atlanta	0
49	Atlanta	14	20	*Minnesota	17

Total 49er Pts.: 353 Total Opp. Pts.: 249

POST-SEASON GAME

Dallas 30, San Francisco 28 (NFC Divisional Playoff) *Home Games

and also-young Cedrick (Nasty) Hardman, who had early-season knee surgery. The backup end is Bill Belk. The tackles are 15-year veteran Charlie Krueger and Earl Edwards, with Bob Hoskins and Rolf Krueger, Charlie's younger brother, on hand to spell them.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: All-Pro Dave Wilcox is the left linebacker and Skip Vanderbundt is on the right side. Skip ran his 2 interceptions back for TDs. Frank Nunley started in the middle, was hobbled by injuries, and gave up the job to veteran Ed Beard, who underwent off-season knee surgery. Looking for middle-linebacker candidates, the 49ers drafted three defensive ends: second-round choice Willie Harper, a Nebraska All-America; seventh-choice John Mitchell (Alabama), and tenth-round choice Charley Hunt (Florida State). Mike Fulk, a middle linebacker from Indiana, was a fifth-round choice. Also coming back after ankle surgery is veteran linebacker Jim Sniadecki. From this bunch Nolan hopes to find a "Mike." If he doesn't, look for trades.

At the corners are All-Pro Jimmy Johnson, a "play-with-pain" type, and Bruce Taylor. Mel Phillips is the strong safety, Mike Simpson probably the free safety. Coming back will be veteran Johnny Fuller and second-year men Ralph McGill and Windlan Bell. The 49ers' No. 1 draft choice was Mike Holmes (Texas Southern), a quick defensive back who may see action.

SPECIALISTS: Bruce Gossett was a steady 18-for-29 field-goal kicker; he was 6 for 15 beyond the 40. Jim McCann doesn't kick long (39.7), but only 20 of his 64 punts were run back. Vic Washington is a breakaway threat on kick returns, but kickoff coverage is poor.

OUTLOOK: The 49ers again will be in the thick of the Western Division race from beginning to end.

THE 49er STARS

JOHN BRODIE Quarterback No. 12
Stanford 6-1 203

17th Year
August 14, 1935



An ankle injury in October kept him out of the lineup, replaced by Steve Spurrier... Threw 110 passes and completed 70 for a 63.6% rate of completions, indicating he had been on his way to another good season... 9 of his 70 completions were for touchdowns... But he showed the kind of team man he is when he came into action late in the final game of the season, against Minnesota, with the 49ers down, 17-6, and only nine minutes left in the game. He threw for a touchdown and then, with only 25 seconds left, rolled out and threw a strike to Dick Witcher for the game-winning touchdown that put the 49ers in the playoffs... Unlike Spurrier, who gets plays from the bench, John calls his own plays.

STEVE SPURRIER Quarterback No. 11
Florida State 6-1 203

7th Year
April 20, 1945



"A hang-loose guy who is full of confidence," his teammates say of him... Only 49er with a listed phone number... Replaced the ailing John Brodie and ranked fifth among NFC pitchers... Completed 54.6% of his 269 passes, 18 landing for touchdowns... Had 5.9% intercepted... "I think reading defenses is over-rated. I think most quarterbacks don't read the total defense. They're not looking all over the field but in a general area. You usually have two receivers on the same side of the field—like a back and an end. If one is covered long, you go to the one who is open short. Of course, you look as you drop back to get half an idea what the defense is doing. When I took over for Brodie, I was throwing passes where I wasn't supposed to be throwing them. Then I concentrated better"... Team was 4-1-1 after he took over... Was picked in 1967 draft over Bob Griese... Deacon Jones once claimed Steve lost rhythm if intimidated... Moon-faced blond who admits to pre-game butterflies.

VIC WASHINGTON Running Back No. 22
Wyoming 5-10 196

3rd Year
April 1, 1947



Built like a bowling ball as running backs go, Vic was the leading rusher for a team that didn't rush as often as most... The ninth-ranked pass receiver in the conference, catching 43, only 3 fewer than team-leader Gene Washington... Caught a lot of flare passes for an average gain of 9 yards... "People make too big an issue of size. It's how big you are in your heart. I don't care if you're only five feet and weigh 180, if you want to hit, you'll make up for

THE 49ERS' BIG PLAY

Both John Brodie and Steve Spurrier like to call this "comeback pass." Wide receiver Gene Washington (on the right) snakes downfield, then comes back. He is the primary receiver with the other receivers being Ken Willard down the middle, Vic Washington cutting outside to the left sideline, tight end Ted Kwalick veering outside and split end Dick Witcher button-hooking.



it. The little man's advantages are speed and quickness. I use them to my advantage. But I don't look for some 240-pound guy to run over. If I have to run to him, though, I will."

DAVE WILCOX Linebacker No. 64
Oregon 6-2 239

10th Year
Sept. 29, 1942



Played in the 1973 Pro Bowl—his fifth appearance in nine years as a pro . . . Intercepted 3 passes last season to boost his career total to 11 . . . A third-round draft choice in 1964 . . . Has a league-wide reputation for being a hard-hitter . . . Speaking of tackling runners, he says: "My thinking, whenever I'm about to tackle, is that if I leave my feet I am doing exactly what the ball carrier wants me to do—extend myself. I try to think his way. He'll put a move on to get you to move so he can make another move around you. I wait until he stops screwing around" . . . Has long arms that reach out like an octopus to snare runners who don't think he is near them.

GENE WASHINGTON Wide Receiver No. 18
Stanford 6-1 185

5th Year
Jan. 14, 1947



Latched onto 46 passes last season to gain 918 yards—an average gain of 20 yards per catch, close to tops in the conference (the best was John Gilliam's 22.8) . . . Caught 12 touchdown passes, the most in the NFL . . . Played in the Pro Bowl for the fourth time in his four-year career . . . Is good friend of Vikings' Gene Washington . . . "We'd be great doing a commercial together," says 49ers' Little Gene of Vikings' Big Gene . . . Says Little Gene: "I

call him Minnesota and he calls me Frisco"... Minnesota's Gene Washington doesn't have a middle name... "He told me his family couldn't afford one," says Little Gene, who is only two inches shorter than Big Gene, but that's the way NFL teams have dubbed them.

TED KWALICK Tight End No. 82
Penn State 6-4 223

4th Year
April 15, 1947



Picked to the Pro Bowl squad for the second time in a row... Had a second-in-a-row good season with 40 catches for an 18.8 average... Went 81 yards with one catch for a touchdown—a transcontinental hop that is unusual for a tight end... "Pro football is tougher than you expect. When you watch it on TV it looks so easy. But when you start playing it, it's 100 times more difficult. You start out thinking what you are supposed to do, but there isn't time for that. There are no second chances. You make too many mistakes and you get cut. In college you get a scholarship and you have four years to prove yourself. Not here. And no college has good players at every position. In pro football there are good players and better ones"... Came to camp as a rookie and "threw a year away because I was too heavy at 233"... Had to learn to block and run patterns... "Patterns are not the same as they look on a blackboard. They change drastically on the field."

FORREST BLUE Center No. 75
Auburn 6-5 261

5th Year
Sept. 7, 1945



The 49ers call him "Big Tree" because of his size... Went to the Pro Bowl for the second straight year... Wants to be a lawyer and is attending law school... "New odd defenses make the center's job that much harder," he says. "It's pretty tough to snap the ball when you have one of those big tackles right on your nose. Look at the draft. Most everyone was going for bigger centers to handle those odd sets"... Was born in Marfa, Texas, but grew up in Tampa, Fla... Likes cards, fishing, golf.

TOP ROOKIE

MIKE HOLMES Defensive Back 6-1 190

Texas Southern

Is highly regarded by all the scouts for his speed and intelligence... "Always seems to know where the ball is," says one... Picked 18th in the first round as most all the scouts expected... Can fly.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"We obviously must get more consistency from our running game and will concentrate on that goal," says Dick Nolan. "If we can avoid injury, I feel we have the talent and experience available to come up with an effective running attack. If that proves incorrect, we may have to seek help through trade . . ."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Holmes, Michael, DB, Texas Southern; Harper, Willie, LB, Nebraska; Fulk, Mike, LB, Indiana; Beverly, Ed, WR, Arizona State; Moore, Arthur, DT, Tulsa; Mitchell, John, LB, Alabama; Atkins, David, RB, Texas-El Paso; Praetorius, Roger, RB, Syracuse; Hunt, Charlie, LB, Florida State; Dahlberg, Tom, RB, Gustavus Adolphus; Pettus, Larry, T, Tennessee State; Kelso, Alan, C, Washington; Morrison, Dennis, QB, Kansas State; Bettiga, Mike, WR, Humboldt State; Oven, Mike, TE, Georgia Tech; Erickson, Bob, G, North Dakota State.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			S.F.	Opp.
July 28 (Sat.)	New England (Canton, O.) . . .	4:00	—	—
Aug. 6 (Mon.)	at Cleveland	8:00	—	—
Aug. 11 (Sat.)	New York Jets (Tampa) . . .	8:00	—	—
Aug. 19 (Sun.)	SAN DIEGO	1:00	—	—
Aug. 26 (Sun.)	DENVER	1:00	—	—
Sept. 1 (Sat.)	at Oakland	8:00	—	—
Sept. 7 (Fri.)	at Los Angeles	8:00	—	—

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			S.F.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	at Miami	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at Denver	2:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	LOS ANGELES	1:00	—	—
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	at Atlanta	1:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	MINNESOTA	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	NEW ORLEANS	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	ATLANTA	1:00	—	—
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	at Detroit	4:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	at Washington	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	at Los Angeles	1:00	—	—
Nov. 26 (Mon.)	GREEN BAY	6:00	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	PHILADELPHIA	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	at New Orleans	1:00	—	—
Dec. 15 (Sat.)	PITTSBURGH	1:00	—	—

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

TEAM DIRECTORY: Pres.: Edward Bennett Williams; Gen. Mgr. and Head Coach: George Allen; Asst. Coaches: Mike McCormack, Ted Marchibroda, Marv Levy, Boyd Dowler, Charlie Waller, LaVern Torgeson, Joe Sullivan, Ralph Hawkins; Trainer: Joe Kuczo; Office: 13832 Redskin Drive, Redskin Park, P.O. Box 17247, Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C., 20041. Colors: Burgundy and Gold; Stadium: Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium (53,041); Training Camp: Carlisle, Pa.



Billy Kilmer scans the defense looking for an open receiver. People joked about his wobbly passes but he finished fourth among NFC passers.

SCCUTING REPORT

1973 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT: NFC EAST: Dallas (2)*, N.Y. Giants (3), Philadelphia (5), St. Louis (4), Washington (1) *1972 Finish

1972 RECORD: Won 11, Lost 3

STRENGTHS: Good pass catchers and powerhouse runners; experience on offense and defense; the poise and confidence that come with winning an NFC championship.

WEAKNESSES: No bomb threat at quarterback; aging personnel at a half-dozen positions and the Redskins reserves are questionable. A rash of injuries could be disastrous.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS 1973 VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
81	Alston, Mack	TE	6-2	230	26	4	Maryland State
—	Andrews, Al	LB	6-3	225	28	3	New Mexico State
41	Bass, Mike	CB	6-0	190	28	6	Michigan
89	Biggs, Verlon	DE	6-4	275	30	9	Jackson State
4	Bragg, Mike	P	5-11	186	26	6	Richmond
43	Brown, Larry	RB	5-11	195	26	5	Kansas State ✓
77	Brundige, Bill	DT	6-5	270	24	4	Colorado ✓
26	Brunet, Bob	RB	6-1	205	27	5	Louisiana Tech
58	Burman, George	C—G	6-3	255	30	8	Northwestern
45	Duncan, Leslie	S	5-10	180	31	10	Jackson State
68	Fanucci, Mike	DE	6-4	225	23	2	Arizona State ✓
37	Fischer, Pat	CB	5-9	170	33	13	Nebraska ✓
55	Hanburger, Chris	LB	6-2	218	32	9	North Carolina
31	Harroway, Charley	RB	6-2	215	28	8	San Jose State
56	Haus, Len	C	6-2	235	31	10	Georgia
75	Hermeling, Terry	T	6-5	255	26	3	Nevada—Reno
25	Hull, Mike	RB	6-3	220	27	5	Southern California
48	Jaqua, Jon	S	6-0	190	25	4	Lewis & Clark
80	Jefferson, Roy	WR	6-2	195	29	9	Utah
63	Johnson, Mitch	T	6-4	250	31	8	UCLA
82	Jones, Jimmie	DE	6-5	215	26	5	Wichita State
30	Jordan, Jeff	RB	6-1	215	28	4	Washington
9	Jurgensen, Sonny	QB	6-0	203	39	17	Duke
17	Kilmer, Billy	QB	6-0	204	33	12	UCLA
50	Kiner, Steve	LB	6-1	220	26	4	Tennessee
5	Knight, Curt	K	6-2	190	30	5	Coast Guard
73	Laaveg, Paul	G	6-4	245	24	4	Iowa
20	Mason, Tommy	RB	6-1	195	34	13	Tulane
—	McBath, Mike	DE	6-4	251	27	6	Penn State ✓
79	McDole, Ron	DE	6-4	265	33	13	Nebraska ✓
53	McLinton, Harold	LB	6-2	235	26	5	Southern U.
85	McNeil, Clifton	WR	6-2	187	32	10	Grambling
—	Miller, Fred	DT	6-3	250	32	11	Louisiana State
28	Mul—Key, Herb	RB	6-0	190	23	2	None
40	Nock, George	RB	5-10	205	27	5	Morgan State
—	Nunamaker, Julian	DT	6-3	258	27	4	Tennessee—Martin
23	Owens, Brig	S	5-11	190	30	8	Cincinnati
32	Pardee, Jack	LB	6-2	225	37	16	Texas A&M
—	Pergine, John	LB	6-1	225	27	5	Notre Dame
16	Petitbon, Richie	S	6-3	208	35	15	Tulane
66	Pottios, Myron	LB	6-2	232	34	13	Notre Dame
—	Robinson, Dave	LB	6-3	245	32	9	Penn State
76	Rock, Walter	T	6-5	255	31	11	Maryland
62	Schoenke, Ray	G	6-4	250	32	10	Southern Methodist
44	Severson, Jeff	S	6-1	180	23	2	Cal State—Long Beach
64	Sistrunk, Manuel	DT	6-5	265	26	4	Arkansas AM&N
—	Smith, Donnell	DE	6-4	245	24	2	Southern U.
—	Smith, Jack	CB	6-2	205	25	2	Troy State
87	Smith, Jerry	TE	6-3	208	30	9	Arizona State
74	Snowden, Jim	T	6-3	255	31	9	Notre Dame
—	Spilis, John	WR	6-3	205	25	4	Northern Illinois
72	Talbert, Diron	DT	6-5	255	29	7	Texas
19	Taliaferro, Mike	QB	6-2	202	31	10	Illinois
42	Taylor, Charley	WR	6-3	210	31	10	Arizona State
22	Taylor, Roosevelt	S	5-11	186	35	13	Grambling
67	Tillman, Russell	LB	6-2	230	27	4	Northern Arizona
29	Vactor, Ted	CB	6-0	185	29	5	Nebraska ✓
60	Wilbur, John	G	6-3	251	30	8	Stanford
—	Williams, Charles	WR	6-3	210	25	2	Prairie View
—	Williams, Clarence	CB	6-2	194	29	9	Washington State
18	Wyche, Sam	QB	6-4	218	28	6	Furman
—	Zeno, Coleman	WR	6-4	210	26	2	Grambling

They laughed when George Allen traded draft choices for creaky veterans. But in 1972 Washington's "Over the Hill Gang" has the last laugh, going all the way to the Super Bowl.

Actually, as so many observers pointed out last season, the Redskins are not *that* old. The oldest defensive lineman, Verlon Biggs, is only 32. At 32 Billy Kilmer is the oldest player on offense. Average age of the regulars is 28, only a year above the NFL average. True, there is 36-year-old linebacker Jack Pardee and the other two linebackers are both over 32. But the likes of Larry Brown, Charley Taylor, Diron Talbert, and Jerry Smith are in their prime. If they stay healthy this figures to be another playoff team. But what if there are injuries? In trading away draft choices, Allen has not built up a supply of young reserve power to step into the lineup in case of injuries. He has stocked his roster with more than a dozen players who weren't good enough to play with anyone during the entire 1972 season. There are people on the roster like Charley Williams, a wide receiver last active with Los Angeles in 1970. And Al Andrews, a linebacker last active with Buffalo in 1971. But in a pinch they may surprise people the way George Allen and The Over the Hill Gang have surprised all of us.

OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: Billy Kilmer can't throw long and they say he isn't all that strong throwing short. But he ranked fourth among NFC passers, completing 53%, and he had only 4.9% intercepted. His 19 TD passes led the NFC. Even he concedes he sometimes throws a wobbly pass. And he depends on a ground game to make his passes go. "I always start off using the run and establish it as a pressure point," he says. "It holds the linebackers at home and keeps the linemen from rushing me when I go to the pass." Behind Kilmer is the ever-popular Sonny Jurgensen and veteran Sam Wyche.

Kilmer has the horses for a running game in the league's MVP, Larry Brown, the NFL's leading rusher with 1,216 yards, and Charley Harraway, who's a fine blocker as well. And Herb Mul-Key, a rookie last season, showed exceptional promise in spot assignments, averaging 4.7 yards a try.

When he goes to the pass, Kilmer has the speed merchants who can get loose and hold on to the ball. The two wide receivers, Charley Taylor and Roy Jefferson, are probably the best tandem in the conference; together they gained over 1,100 yards with their catches and scored 10 touchdowns. And tight end Jerry Smith is also a touchdown threat: He caught only 21 passes but 7 were for TDs.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Larry Brown didn't gain all those yards by himself. Tackle to tackle this is a strong, experienced, tested unit. The tackles are Terry Hermeling and Walt Rock, the guards young (24) Paul Laaveg and the veteran John Wilbur, with All-Pro Len Hauss at center. Here, again, the only question is depth.

DEFENSIVE LINE: Washington ranked fourth in the NFL in total defense and the Front Four was one of the reasons. At one end Verlon

REDSKINS' 1972 RECORD: WON 11, LOST 3

24	Minnesota	21	35	New York Jets	17
24	*St. Louis	10	27	*New York Giants	13
23	New England	24	24	*Atlanta	13
14	*Philadelphia	0	21	*Green Bay	16
33	St. Louis	3	23	Philadelphia	7
24	*Dallas	20	24	Dallas	34
23	New York Giants	16	17	*Buffalo	24

Total Redskin Pts.: 336 Total Opp. Pts.: 218 *Home Games

POST-SEASON GAMES:

Washington 16, Green Bay 3 (NFC Divisional Playoff)

Washington 26, Dallas 3 (NFC Championship Game)

Miami 14, Washington 7 (Super Bowl VII)

Biggs may not be a great player week after week but when he is high, he is of Pro Bowl caliber. At the other end, old pro Ron McDole is smart and shifty. The tackles are Diron Talbert, who likes to swing off the field and bury passers on it, and young Bill Brundige, a 6-5 270-pound housewrecker. This is a first-rate pass rush, certainly the best in a division that also includes the Dallas Cowboys.

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The Over the Hill Gang got its name from the ages of its linebacking corps. Left linebacker Jack Pardee is 36, a guy who beat cancer, but it's debatable how long he can beat the years. The middle line backer is Myron Pottios, 34, who gets help from Harold McClinton. The right linebacker is 31-year-old Chris Hanburger. Pottios and Pardee may be near the end of the line. Allen hoped to get old Packer linebacker Dave Robinson to unretire. Allen had a ninth round draft pick that, somehow, he hadn't traded, and with it he got Kansas linebacker Ed Sheats. And he obtained young linebacker John Pergine from Los Angeles. Look for more trades for linebackers.

The deep backs were Pat Fischer, 32, and Mike Bass, 27, at the corners. Both are highly capable. Brig Owens, 29, and Rosey Taylor, 34, are the safeties. But Allen traded for Clancy Williams, a part-timer with the Rams. Williams, Jeff Severson and Ted Vactor will be among the candidates for regular jobs.

SPECIALISTS: Ted Bragg is a so-so punter. Curt Knight started off badly and kicked only 14 field goals in 30 attempts. But he booted 7 of 7 in the playoffs. The Washington special teams, coached by Marv Levy, are first-rate.

OUTLOOK: If the doctors stay away, the Redskins might go into the playoffs for the third straight year.

THE REDSKIN STARS

BILLY KILMER Quarterback No. 17
UCLA 6-0 205

12th Year
Sept. 5, 1939



When he became Redskins' coach, George Allen's first trade was for Kilmer and it paid off last season as Kilmer established himself for the first time as a No. 1 quarterback... His passes may wobble but they flutter into the right hands... Was ranked fourth among NFC passers, completing 53.3% of his passes... Threw 19 touchdown passes and had only 4.9% picked off... Had the highest percentage of touchdown passes (8.4%) among NFC throwers... "I get so psyched up for a game it takes me a couple of days to unwind emotionally. I don't usually eat anything until Monday night. Don Meredith started this thing about me being a swinging bachelor but I don't go out much at night"... Likes to talk on the phone, watch late TV movies, read biographies of people like Ernest Hemingway ("literary and a great sportsman")... Daughter has cerebral palsy... Said after winning award as most courageous athlete that the award should go to her.

CHARLEY TAYLOR Wide Receiver No. 42
Arizona State 6-3 210

10th Year
Sept. 28, 1941



The fourth-ranked pass catcher in the NFC last season as he caught 49 passes for a total of 673 yards... Broke one for 70 yards and a touchdown... Caught 7 TD passes... "The last two years I found out what this game is all about—what guys like Lilly, Pugh and Hayes have been feeling for so long. All of a sudden I'm on a winning ball club. Before I was a good player who was kind of overlooked. This is a new life for me"... It is said of him that he walks like a man who is always tired... But a flash on the field who frequently explodes at defenders... "Problem is I always look so quiet and passive," he says, "and there are guys who always try to take advantage"... "I like a hard, clean game. That's why I could play against Mel Renfro all day long."

ROY JEFFERSON Wide Receiver No. 80
Utah 6-2 195

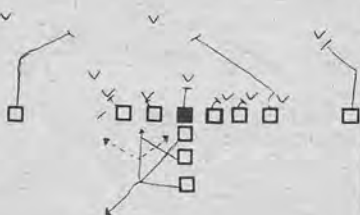
9th Year
Nov. 9, 1943



The other guy in the Taylor-Jefferson catching act that drove defenders to despair last season... Caught 35 passes for 550 yards—an average of 15.7 yards per catch... Has been in two Super Bowls—once with the Colts in 1969, then with the Redskins last season, but has yet to win... Getting Jefferson may have been the biggest coup Allen ever made in all of his trades... Originally a Steeler and played there five seasons before going

THE REDSKINS' BIG PLAY

This is a basic bread and butter play for Larry Brown, who takes the handoff and slices off-tackle. Note the blocking by the pulling right guard and other running backs.



to Colts, where he feuded with Carroll Rosenbloom . . . "The persons who run this game would like us to be robots, accepting everything with a smile and a shrug," he says. "I'm no robot."

LARRY BROWN Running Back No. 43
Kansas State 5-11 195

5th Year
Sept. 19, 1947



Led the NFC in rushing last season, climbing from fourth in 1971, even though he missed last two games . . . Was second only to O.J. Simpson in rushing in the NFL . . . Gained 1,216 yards in 285 cracks for a 4.3 average . . . Scored eight touchdowns . . . Gained 191 yards on 29 attempts on October 29, against the Giants, best NFL performance of the year . . . Also caught 32 passes for 473 yards and four touchdowns . . . Galloped 89 yards with one pass for a TD . . . Grew up in a rundown section of Pittsburgh . . . Starting QB in high school . . . "There were 32 running backs in camp when I came to the Redskins," he said, "and at my size I didn't think I fit into Vince Lomardi's mold. He always wanted the big backs. But I never gave up" . . . Thinks the year of the running back was due to fact "there aren't many great quarterbacks right now and there are a lot of young quarterbacks. It takes a while for them to read defenses so teams go to the run because it is safer than the pass" . . . Won Bert Bell Award as Player of the Year . . . Now Redskins' all-time rusher.

LEN HAUSS Center No. 56
Georgia 6-2 235

9th Year
July 11, 1942



An All-Pro in 1972, playing in the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl game for the fifth time since 1966 . . . Drafted by the Redskins in the ninth round of the 1964 draft . . . Comes from Jessup, Ga., and likes to fish, hunt and read . . . Still is unrecognized by most fans after an estimated 15,000 snaps . . . Needed surgery on right elbow last year to remove chips . . . "Basically," he says, "you make the center snap with power and that jolts the arm right up to

the elbow. You're flexing the arm and extending it with force. Try hitting your hand on a desk a hundred times a day and you got a pretty good idea what it's like. And getting hit compounds the problem" . . . "I wouldn't trade Hauss for any center in the league," says George Allen.

PAT FISCHER Cornerback No. 37
Nebraska 5-9 70

13th Year
January 2, 1940



Came to the Redskins in 1968 after playing out his option with the Cardinals . . . Intercepted 4 passes last season to lead the Redskin deep backs even though he concedes he has slowed down and the receivers are getting faster . . . "Seems like every team has a 9.4 end," he says. "Obviously I can't run a 9.4 but you learn to pick up keys out there. If I know where the play is going, I can get the receiver going the wrong way and I'll get to the spot before the ball does. Any cornerback has to run backwards so it doesn't matter if the cornerback runs a 9.4 or 10-flat. If I can get him going the wrong way, then how fast is he?"

CHARLEY HARRAWAY Running Back No. 31
San Jose State 6-2 215

8th Year
Sept. 21, 1944



Once a low draft pick (18th round) of the Cleveland Browns, he came to the Redskins in 1969 . . . Had been a fill-in back for the Browns, carrying the ball only 103 times in three years . . . A starter for the Redskins these past four seasons . . . Toted the ball 148 times and averaged 3.8 yards a try . . . Longest was for 24 yards but scored 6 touchdowns . . . Primarily a blocking back for Larry Brown . . . Would like to carry the ball more . . .

"But this is our offensive system," he says, "and my personal feelings have nothing to do with it. Running with the ball is like working math problems. The only way you can do it is by working problems over and over again. The more running you do, the better you do at it."

TOP ROOKIES

CHARLIE CANTRELL Guard 6-4 245

Lamar

Although the first pick of the Redskins, he was picked 127th on the fifth round by the Redskins who had traded away their first four picks to put together their Over The Hill Gang . . . Thus he comes unheralded from a small school . . . Figures to have only an outside chance to make this team.

RICH GALBOS Running Back 6-3 215

Ohio State

Picked 218th on the ninth round . . . Comes from Woody Hayes' School of Hard Knocking running backs, so may have a chance . . . But was not rated high by scouts . . . However, some observers thought he has the best chance of Washington's thin crop of 10 draft choices.

TIP FROM THE COACH

"If you can take the ball away four times a game in this league," says George Allen, "you should never lose. Just don't make mistakes. That's what this game is all about."

1973 ROOKIES IN DRAFT ORDER: Cantrell, Charles, G, Lamar; Hancock, Mike, TE, Idaho State; Galbos, Rich, RB, Ohio State; Sheats, Eddie, LB, Kansas; Stone, Ken, DB, Vanderbilt; Webster, Ernie, G, Pittsburgh; Johnson, Dennis, DT, Delaware; Marshall, Herb, DB, Cameron; Wedman, Mike, K, Colorado; Davis, Jeff, RB, Mars Hill, N. C.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS 1973 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight)

			Wash.	Opp.
Aug. 3 (Fri.)	DETROIT	8:00	—	—
Aug. 10 (Fri.)	at Denver	8:00	—	—
Aug. 17 (Fri.)	at Buffalo	8:00	—	—
Aug. 25 (Sat.)	BALTIMORE	8:00	—	—
Sept. 2 (Sun.)	at New England	8:30	—	—
Sept. 9 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	8:30	—	—

WASHINGTON REDSKINS 1973 SEASON SCHEDULE

(All Times Local Daylight and Standard)

			Wash.	Opp.
Sept. 16 (Sun.)	SAN DIEGO	1:00	—	—
Sept. 23 (Sun.)	at St. Louis	1:00	—	—
Sept. 30 (Sun.)	at Philadelphia	1:00	—	—
Oct. 8 (Mon.)	DALLAS	9:00	—	—
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	at New York Giants	1:00	—	—
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	ST. LOUIS	1:00	—	—
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	at New Orleans	1:00	—	—
Nov. 5 (Mon.)	at Pittsburgh	9:00	—	—
Nov. 11 (Sun.)	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	—	—
Nov. 18 (Sun.)	BALTIMORE	1:00	—	—
Nov. 22 (Thurs.)	at Detroit	12:15	—	—
Dec. 2 (Sun.)	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00	—	—
Dec. 9 (Sun.)	at Dallas	3:00	—	—
Dec. 16 (Sun.)	PHILADELPHIA	1:00	—	—

Curt Gowdy Picks Football's Five Most Exciting Plays— And Tells How To Watch Them

(In covering pro football for NBC-TV, sportscaster Curt Gowdy has watched hundreds of games and thousands of long touchdown passes, kickoffs, runs for daylight. Of all the things that can happen in a football game, we asked him to pick the five he has found the most exciting to watch, and then tell us how to watch them.—Ed.)

"No. 1 is the kickoff return. Sadly, it's not as dominant as it used to be. My own feeling, as a fan, is that I'd like to see them move back the kickoff to the 35- or 30-yard line. With the strength of the modern, specialized kicker, kickoffs are going into the end zone or through the end zone and are not being returned. That's too bad because the kickoff return is the most thrilling play in the game. When eleven bodies come hurtling one way and eleven bodies come hurtling the other way, and they meet—well, that's why they call these kickoff units the suicide squads.

"Watch the wedge on the kickoff-return unit. Four men usually line up around the 20. And watch the penetrator on the kickoff team. Usually he's a speedy fellow like Bruce Laird of the Colts. They call these guys the Head Hunters. He's usually the first man down, the first man to break that wedge, the first one to break through it and nail that ball carrier. In watching the wedge, you can get an indication of where the kickoff-return is going: whether it's kickoff-left, kickoff-right, or up the middle. If that wedge does its job, and seals off the tacklers, you'll get a good return. But you won't see as many good returns—the most thrilling play in professional football—if they don't move the kickoff back.

"Another thrilling play is the punt-return, another play we're not seeing a lot of because these punters line up 15 yards behind the line of scrimmage and kick a high ball. They want it to hang for at least four or four-and-half-seconds so that it can be covered. It's always fascinating to me to see two outside ends go down to cover the punt, then see that punt-returner gamble, dart upfield, and find that crack in the defense. What I find beautiful here is that all the blocking is spontaneous blocking. This is what football is all about to me: when a player blocks with instinct,



Curt Gowdy: "The quarterback scramble is a real wild play . . ."

not knowing where the runner behind him is going. Most good football players have that great instinct to get out in front of the runner and chop those men down. That's what to watch here—that instinctive downfield blocking you'll see on a punt return.

"I also like to watch the blitz. Some teams don't blitz, of course, but it's very exciting to see that one linebacker from the outside or from the middle—and sometimes they'll shoot that safety in there—come hurtling in on the snap of the ball. He comes in there at full speed, timing his thrust just before the ball is snapped, finding an opening and bearing down on the passer. As a fan you've got to have peripheral vision to watch it, keeping an eye on everything just before the snap. Sometimes I can call the blitz just as the ball is snapped. The blitzer has to take that initial step or two forward as the ball is snapped to get his momentum going. I'll yell "safety blitz" or "blitz coming up." The great thing to watch about the blitz is to see how the blitzer is picked off by a pass blocker. Matt Snell of the Jets was the best I've ever seen at that. They'd be coming at fullspeed and he'd really nail them. You'd see a really terrific collision. Larry Csonka is another one who's really good at this. To me, a fullback isn't a real fullback if he isn't a good pass blocker on the blitz. If he doesn't pick up those blitzers, his quarterback is going to get killed.

"A fourth great play I like to watch is the power sweep. It was made famous by the Packers with the two guards, (Jerry) Kramer and (Fuzzy) Thurston, pulling and leading. Miami runs it very well with Mercury Morris the ball-carrier and Larry Little leading the way. It's always beautifully executed by the pulling guards, and the pulling guards are what to watch for here. We isolate on the guards a lot to show how this play is executed. The guard has to be an exceptional athlete: big enough to knock those men down, quick enough to stay out in front of a speedy ball-carrier so he doesn't slow his progress. He leads it. Sometimes they'll even pull the tackle with him. I've even seen quarterbacks in on the blocking, and then there is another running back. You got three or four blockers out in front as they start that wide sweep, you got the defense coming in there—it's almost like the kickoff return. Another thing to watch here is someone like Larry Brown; he's a master at getting out there, then cutting back inside on the sweep. It's a very exciting play to watch with a great outside runner, someone like Brown, Morris, O.J. Simpson, someone you know that if he gets that step outside, it's big yardage. But you also know these backs can turn on a dime and cut back inside, if they see an opening. Run for daylight, as Vince Lombardi used to say. That's one of the beauties of the power sweep: there are so many options open for the runner.

"The quarterback scramble, something that's happened in the past few years, is another exciting situation. Greg Landry, Terry Bradshaw, Bob Griese, Roger Staubach, they drop back into the pocket and there's no one open. They're in a bad rush. Sometimes they duck their heads and run right through the middle of the rush and emerge out of there somehow. It's always miraculous to me to see them escape. Other times they'll be chasing around back there and somehow find an opening. I think Landry and Bradshaw and Staubach, they could be great running backs. The

quarterback scramble, to me, is a real wild play. What to watch for here is to see if the middle of the defense is open as the ends come in from the outside and the tackles are being knocked to the outside. A lot of times the quarterback will go back and raise his arm and suddenly see that hole up the middle. He'll take off, he'll run on what was supposed to have been a passing play. I have seen Greg Landry, on third down and 21, suddenly take off and make the yardage. I have seen Terry Bradshaw do it. These guys are very valuable on obvious passing plays. When the defense knows he's going to pass, there's going to be a strong rush and because of the anticipation of the pass, the receivers are covered. These quarterbacks make the first downs themselves with their running ability. The crowd loves it. The running quarterback has put a new dimension to the game."

O.J. Simpson:

Two Great Running Backs Tell . . .

Larry Brown:

What You Don't Know
About Running Backs

Early in a game I'm looking for keys and trying to read defenses. Then things get tough and I stop looking and just drive people out. Sometimes I might lose track of the score, the team's record or how many times I'm carrying the ball. I'm just going ahead, seeing nothing, feeling nothing. Maybe someday I'll have a big ego trip and sort it all out in my mind. But right now, there's no time.

—Larry Brown, speaking to
Pete Axthelm of *Newsweek*

What goes on inside a running back's head? In the Time of the Runner, how does the runner view his job?

We asked two great runners to talk about their jobs and the facets of that job that most fans know little or nothing about. One was the NFC's leading runner—Larry Brown. The other was the AFC's leading runner—O.J. Simpson.

O.J. Simpson: "Well, one thing about my job you should know right away. When you're out there you can't be doing too much thinking. Thinking is what gets you caught from behind."

Larry Brown: "Things like stats and records just clutter up a football player's mind. Sometimes I don't even know what our team's won-lost record is before a game . . ."

O.J. Simpson: "Running is strictly an individual thing and most fans don't understand that. Talk about fans, most coaches don't understand that. Running is instinctive, it's almost uncoachable, other than getting the back in shape. It's so instinctive you are thinking about nothing out there, you are just reacting. To me, football is not a contact sport. It's a contact sport for someone like Larry Brown, who runs into people. I'm looking for as little contact as I can find."

Larry Brown: "I don't mind the work. I get stronger the more I run. That's a good sign. Maybe I'll still be running when I'm 50. The gang tackling doesn't bother me. Lombardi—Mr. Lombardi—used to say anyone can get knocked down, but it takes a big man to keep getting up."

O.J. Simpson: "Everybody couldn't understand why I didn't tear up the league right away. But I think fans do understand now that when a back is knocked down, you are only as good as the guys you got with you."

Larry Brown: "As for Larry Brown, the football player, I consider him one-fortieth of this team. That's all."

O.J. Simpson: "A running back can do all right if he knows the people in front of him on the offensive line. If you know that the guy is just

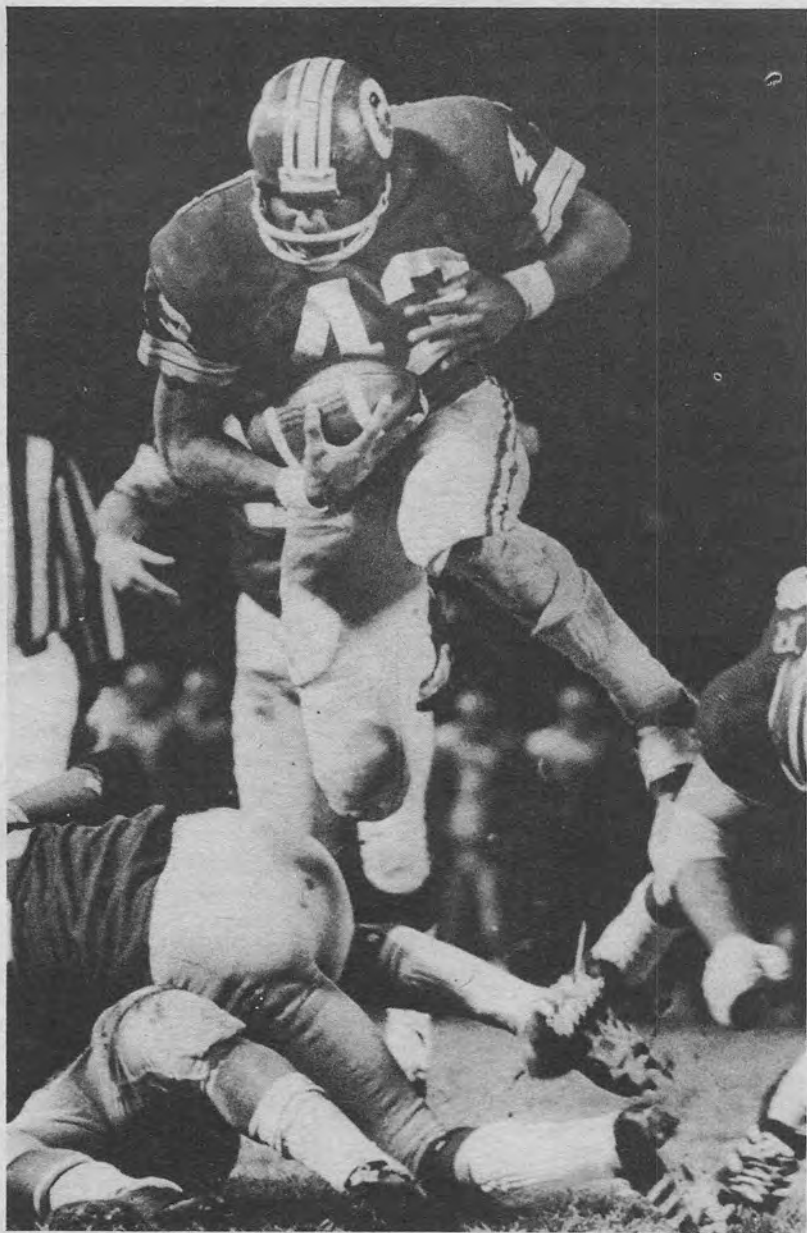


O.J. Simpson: "I'm more the eternal optimist who bounces around. . ."

so-so, then you can adjust to what he can do and what he cannot do. But when you have a bunch of guys you don't know much about, it's hard to make those adjustments. To be a good running back, you have to know who you are playing with—good or bad. A good running back is always going to do something if he gets the ball often enough. The guys around him don't have to be great as long as they are consistent. You can adjust your game around their game."

Larry Brown: "There are 39 other guys out there and we all play together. George Allen has stressed it from the very beginning, and he's proven that it works. Unity is the thing . . . I tone down all the talk about stats and stuff like that. It just leads to ego problems, and there's no time for ego problems during the season . . ."

O.J. Simpson: "One thing most people don't realize is that a running back should never have to worry about a defensive lineman. His whole game should be concentrated on, first of all, linebackers and, secondly, defensive backs. When I was in college—and it's getting to that point in Buffalo now, we're getting all these good offensive linemen—I never had to worry about defensive linemen. You have to have enough faith in your offensive line that they will put you on a linebacker. Then you are on your own. But if you have to outrun the defensive line as well as the linebackers, you'll never make it. It's very rare that you'll see a running back fake out a defensive lineman. Like against Baltimore. Our team always has trouble with the Baltimore defensive linemen. Bubba Smith and I were talking about this the other day. I spend the whole day running away from Bubba. He's forcing me right into Mike Curtis, into Ted Hendricks, into their linebackers. A running back very rarely looks at the



Larry Brown: "It just leads to ego problems, and there's no time. . ."

defensive line when he has a good offensive line. That's when things are going pretty good. But when I first came into the league I was looking at *everybody*." (He laughs.)

Larry Brown: "I break through that line and I'm running. You can't tell what will happen. There's no time for anything. The only thing that's important to me then is how those other guys are positioning themselves. I don't even have time to look in their eyes, but hell, eyes never hurt you anyway. I'm worried about whether the guy is in a position to make a good tackle and that's it. When I get hit hard I blame myself. I'm never even nervous before a game. I know that as soon as I go out there on the field and receive that initial contact, I'm going to get upset, mad, because when you get right down to it, I just don't like getting hit. You see me walking back to a huddle slowly most of the time and it isn't because I've been hurt. It's just that when that whistle blows a play dead, I'm on my time. Why hurry? Also, I'm just basically lazy."

O.J. Simpson: "Another thing people don't know: They ask me about my stutter step. In my first year I'd get criticized for stutter-stepping. A stutter step is not a move that anyone employs. It's just something that you have to do sometimes. You run into a hole and the hole ain't there, you just jitter around looking for somewhere to go. People told me to put my head down and run. Well, I'm not a put-my-head-down runner like Brown. I'm more the eternal optimist who bounces around figuring there's got to be a hole somewhere. People say you use the stutter step too much. I say I'm not thinking about the stutter step, I'm looking for someplace to run. You have nowhere to run, you are not going to run into a brick wall."

Larry Brown: "Sometimes I feel as though maybe a part of my mind is like a museum or something. I mean there are things that happen to me, especially pain, and I store the incident away. I won't think about it all the time. But it's always there. Every once in a while you find yourself looking at it. Like I remember Bobby Bell's elbow. That's it. Just his elbow. He has this thing about hitting you with his elbows. It rattles, man. So I remember him and the Kansas City Chiefs."

O.J. Simpson: "I would rather have the ball than block, obviously. I love to go out on pass patterns. I feel no linebacker can cover me. But blocking is strange for a ballcarrier like me and again people don't understand why. I mean, here I am a running back who tries to avoid contact, who tries to run away from people. But when you block you got to make contact, you got to run *toward* people instead of *away* from them. I have to psych myself up to block."

Larry Brown: "Injuries? I don't think about it. You got to be optimistic. Start fretting about things that might happen and they'll happen. You'll be flat-footed, not moving like you normally would, and that's when they'll happen. You can think yourself into getting hurt . . . believe it or not. The legs are the key to my success. A running back can get hurt here"—pointing to his chest—"and he can survive. But his legs are his heart."

Seven Rookies Who Can't Miss

Last season we picked 10 rookies who would be the top ten in the league. Of the 10 we picked, one was the rookie of the year—Pittsburgh's Franco Harris. Of the other nine, at least four excelled: Buffalo's Walt Patulski, the Jets' Jerome Barkum, St. Louis' Bobby Moore, and Cincinnati's Tommy Casanova. And the jury's still out on four others: Kansas City's Jeff Kinney, Chicago's Lionel Antoine (out all year with an injury), Minnesota's Ed Marinaro and San Francisco's Terry Beasley.

This season we're picking seven rookies who can't miss, basing our selections on talks with pro scouts and our respect for the draft savvy of certain teams.

JOHN MATUSZAK, Tampa. Picked by Houston as the No. 1 choice in the entire draft, he is the biggest man (6-7, 280) ever to be drafted first. A defensive end, he figures to start right away for a team that ranked 23rd of 26 on defense. "He has the speed to go with all that bulk," says one scout. "And he already has some of the moves an outside pass rusher must have. Within a year he'll be right up there with Elvin Bethea, who figures to help the kid a lot. The pass blockers have to concentrate on Bethea when you play Houston, and then along comes this Man Mountain Dean on roller skates—and look out!"

BRAD VAN PELT, Michigan State. "Unquestionably the finest college defensive back in the country last season and there were a lot of good ones," says one scout. He is big—6-5 and 230— and the Giants really had only one question about him: Would he sign to be a pitcher with the Cardinals or a linebacker with New York? He chose Mara money over Budweiser money and comes to a team anxious to fortify its defense and make itself a contender. His coach, Duffy Daugherty, has no doubt he'll easily make the switch from deep back to linebacker. "He could play any one of 22 positions and also kick field goals," says Duffy. That doesn't sound like hype when you are reminded that Brad earned letters in football, baseball *and* basketball in the rough Big Ten. Big and handsome, he could become a New York idol to rival Namath.

ISAAC CURTIS, San Diego State. A wide receiver, he was the first pick of Cincinnati's Paul Brown—and when was the last time Paul picked badly on the first round of the draft? Brown's team is a testament to his drafting ability: Tom Casanova, Bill Bergey, Greg Cook, Mike Reid, Bob Trumpy, etc. Paul needs running backs and it's just possible he might switch the fleet Curtis to ball-carrying. If so, Curtis could make it right away as Paul Robinson did for Brown in 1968.

WALLY CHAMBERS, Eastern Kentucky. This big defensive end was picked eighth by the Bears, *ahead* of quarterback Gary Huff—and most everyone knows how desperate the Bears are for a quarterback who can pass. The Bears' pass rush was mediocre last season. There are three veteran Chicago defensive ends—Steve DeLong, Tony McGee and Willie Holman—and Chambers figures to beat out somebody for the starting job in the opening game of the season. "Wally Chambers could be an All-Pro in one to two years," says *Gridiron*.

DAVE BUTZ, Purdue. The fifth player to be selected and a near-unanimous All-American, this defensive tackle comes to a St. Louis Cardinal team 20th of 26 in defense against the rush and 25th of 26 in defense against the pass. Plus there is a new coach anxious to sweep clean. It might also help that Dave's uncle is Agriculture Secretary Willard Butz. Butz will get every opportunity to start at end or tackle on a Front Four where there is no one outstanding. The scouts call him quick, intelligent and aggressive.

JOHN HANNAH, Alabama. An offensive guard who was the fourth pick in the entire draft, he will try to get a starting job on a Patriot offensive line so porous that quarterback Jim Plunkett had to limp off to a hospital for knee-repair at the end of the season. One of Bear Bryant's studs, Hannah pulls well on running plays and chickenfights beautifully on pass protection. A rookie offensive guard couldn't pick a team where he would get a better chance to start than New England—and the word is that Hannah comes to New England with all the credentials. "Could help New England instantly rebuild," predicts one scout. Might be considered for tackle, too.

STEVE HOLDEN, Arizona State. Another one of those fleet pass catchers out of the cactus country, he comes to a Cleveland Brown team that has a rapidly maturing quarterback in Mike Phipps but no breakaway speed among its pass catchers. It takes longer for pass catchers to win starting jobs, what with learning pass patterns and adjusting to a quarterback, but Holden, the first choice of the Browns, seems likely to be the lightning-fast receiver that the Browns have not had since trading away Paul Warfield.

ALL-TIME FINAL STANDINGS

Final American Football League Standings 1960-1969

1960

Eastern Division				Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Houston	10	4	0.714	Los Angeles	10	4	0.714
New York	7	7	0.500	Dallas	8	6	0.571
Buffalo	5	8	0.385	Oakland	6	8	0.429
Boston	5	9	0.357	Denver	4	9	0.308

CHAMPIONSHIP: Houston 24, Los Angeles 16 (at Houston)

1961

Eastern Division				Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Houston	10	3	0.769	San Diego	12	2	0.857
Boston	9	4	0.692	Dallas	8	6	0.571
New York	7	7	0.500	Denver	3	11	0.214
Buffalo	6	8	0.429	Oakland	2	12	0.143

CHAMPIONSHIP: Houston, 10, San Diego 3 (at San Diego)

1962

Eastern Division				Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Houston	11	3	0.786	Dallas	11	3	0.786
Boston	9	4	0.692	Denver	7	7	0.500
Buffalo	7	6	0.538	San Diego	4	10	0.286
New York	5	9	0.357	Oakland	1	13	0.071

CHAMPIONSHIP: Dallas 20, Houston 17 (at Houston - 5 quarters)

1963

Eastern Division				Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	7	6	0.538	San Diego	11	3	0.786
Buffalo	7	6	0.538	Oakland	10	4	0.714
Houston	6	8	0.429	Kansas City	8	7	0.538
New York	5	8	0.385	Denver	2	11	0.154

CHAMPIONSHIP: San Diego 62, Boston 10 (at San Diego)

1964

Eastern Division				Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Buffalo	12	2	0.857	San Diego	8	5	0.615
Boston	10	3	0.769	Kansas City	7	7	0.500
New York	5	8	0.385	Oakland	5	7	0.417
Houston	4	10	0.286	Denver	2	11	0.154

CHAMPIONSHIP: Buffalo 20, San Diego 7 (at Buffalo)

1965

Eastern Division				Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Buffalo	10	3	0.769	San Diego	9	2	0.818
New York	5	8	0.385	Oakland	8	5	0.615
Boston	4	8	0.333	Kansas City	7	5	0.583
Houston	4	10	0.286	Denver	4	10	0.286

CHAMPIONSHIP: Buffalo 23, San Diego 0 (at San Diego)

1966

Eastern Division				Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Buffalo	9	4	0.692	Kansas City	11	2	0.846
Boston	8	4	0.667	Oakland	8	5	0.615
New York	6	6	0.500	San Diego	7	5	0.538
Miami	3	11	0.214	Denver	4	10	0.286
Houston	3	11	0.214				

CHAMPIONSHIP: Kansas City 31, Buffalo 7 (at Buffalo)

1967

Eastern Division				Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Houston	9	4	0.692	Oakland	13	1	0.929
New York	8	5	0.615	Kansas City	9	3	0.643
Buffalo	4	10	0.286	San Diego	8	5	0.615
Miami	4	10	0.286	Denver	3	11	0.214
Boston	3	10	0.231				

CHAMPIONSHIP: Oakland 40, Houston 7 (at Oakland)

1968

Eastern Division				Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	11	3	0.786	Kansas City	12	2	0.857
Houston	7	7	0.500	Oakland	12	2	0.857
Miami	5	8	0.385	San Diego	9	5	0.643
Boston	4	10	0.286	Denver	5	9	0.357
Buffalo	1	12	0.077	Cincinnati	3	11	0.214

Western Playoff: Oakland 41, Kansas City 6.
CHAMPIONSHIP: New York 27, Oakland 23.

1969

Eastern Division				Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	10	4	0.714	Oakland	12	1	0.923
Houston	6	6	0.500	Kansas City	11	3	0.786
Boston	4	10	0.286	San Diego	8	6	0.571
Buffalo	4	10	0.286	Denver	5	8	0.385
Miami	3	10	0.231	Cincinnati	4	9	0.308

Interdivisional Playoffs:

Oakland 56, Houston 7
Kansas City 13, New York 7
CHAMPIONSHIP: Kansas City 17, Oakland 7

Final National Football League Standings 1920-1972

On September 17, 1920, the National Football League was organized in Canton, Ohio. At the time its name was the American Professional Football Association. That name was changed to the National Football League in 1922. In 1920 there were 13 different teams playing each other but with no schedule of games and no formal order of finish.

The teams that played in 1920 were:

Akron Steels	Dayton Triangles
Buffalo All-Americans	Detroit Staleys
Chicago Cardinals	Detroit Heralds
Chicago Tigers	Hammond Pros
Canton Bulldogs	Rochester Jeffersons
Cleveland Panthers	Rock Island Independents
	Columbus Panhandles

1921

W L T Pct.				W L T Pct.			
Chicago Bears	10	1	0.909	Rock Island	5	4	0.556
Buffalo	9	1	0.900	Chicago Cards	2	3	0.400
Akron	7	2	0.778	Cleveland	2	6	0.250
Green Bay	6	2	0.750	Rochester	2	6	0.250
Canton	3	3	0.571	Detroit	1	7	0.125
Dayton	4	3	0.571	Columbus	0	6	0.000
*Staley's				Cincinnati	0	8	0.000

1922

W L T Pct.				W L T Pct.			
Canton	10	0	1.000	Buffalo	3	4	0.429
Chicago Bears	9	3	0.750	Milwaukee	2	4	0.333
Chicago Cards	8	3	0.727	Marion	2	6	0.250
Toledo	6	2	0.714	Minneapolis	1	3	0.250
Rock Island	4	2	0.667	Evansville	0	2	0.000
Dayton	4	2	0.667	Louisville	0	3	0.000
Green Bay	4	3	0.571	Rochester	0	3	0.000
Racine	4	1	0.800	Hammond	0	4	0.000
Akron	3	4	0.429	Columbus	0	7	0.000

1923

W L T Pct.				W L T Pct.			
Canton	11	0	1.000	Toledo	2	3	0.400
Chicago Bears	9	2	0.818	Rock Island	2	3	0.400
Green Bay	7	2	0.778	Minneapolis	2	6	0.250
Milwaukee	7	2	0.778	St. Louis	1	4	0.200
Cleveland	3	1	0.750	Hammond	1	8	0.117
Chicago Cards	4	0	1.000	Dayton	1	8	0.117
Duluth	4	3	0.571	Akron	1	6	0.143
Buffalo	5	4	0.556	Marion	1	10	0.091
Columbus	4	1	0.800	Rochester	0	2	0.000
Racine	4	2	0.667	Louisville	0	3	0.000

1924								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Cleveland	7	1	0	.875	Columbus	4	4	0
Chicago Bears	6	1	4	.857	Hammond	2	2	1
Frankford	11	2	1	.846	Milwaukee	5	6	0
Duluth	5	1	0	.833	Dayton	2	7	0
Rock Island	6	2	2	.750	Kansas City	2	7	0
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	Akron	1	6	0
Buffalo	6	4	0	.600	Kenosha	0	6	1
Racine	4	3	3	.571	Minneapolis	0	6	0
Chicago Cards	5	4	1	.556	Rochester	0	7	0

1925								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Chicago Cards	11	2	1	.846	Canton	4	4	0
Pottsville	10	2	0	.833	Cleveland	5	8	1
Detroit	8	2	2	.800	Kansas City	2	6	1
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	Hammond	1	3	0
Akron	4	2	2	.667	Buffalo	1	6	1
Frankford	13	7	0	.654	Duluth	0	3	0
Chicago Bears	9	5	3	.643	Rochester	0	6	1
Rock Island	8	3	3	.625	Milwaukee	0	6	0
Green Bay	8	6	0	.616	Dayton	0	7	1
Providence	6	6	1	.548	Columbus	0	9	0

1926								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Frankford	14	1	1	.833	Detroit	4	6	2
Chicago Bears	12	1	3	.822	Hartford	3	7	0
Pottsville	10	2	1	.833	Brooklyn	3	8	0
Kansas City	8	2	1	.727	Milwaukee	2	7	0
Chicago Bears	6	3	1	.667	Dayton	1	4	1
Los Angeles	6	3	1	.667	Racine	1	4	0
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	Columbus	1	8	0
Duluth	8	6	2	.546	Canton	1	9	1
Buffalo	4	4	2	.500	Hammond	0	4	0
Chicago Cards	5	6	1	.455	Louisville	0	4	0
Providence	8	7	0	.417				

1927								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	11	1	1	.917	Frankford	8	8	3
Green Bay	7	3	1	.778	Pottsville	5	8	0
Chicago Bears	9	2	2	.760	Chicago Cards	3	7	1
Cleveland	8	4	1	.667	Dayton	1	9	1
Providence	8	5	1	.615	Duluth	1	8	1
N.Y. Yankees	7	8	1	.467	Buffalo	0	8	0

1928								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Providence	8	1	2	.889	N.Y. Giants	4	7	2
Frankford	11	3	2	.786	N.Y. Yankees	4	8	1
Detroit	7	2	1	.778	Pottsville	2	8	0
Green Bay	6	4	3	.600	Chicago Cards	1	8	0
Chicago Bears	7	5	1	.583	Dayton	0	7	0

1929								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Green Bay	12	0	1	1.000	Stapleton (N.Y.)	3	4	2
N.Y. Giants	12	1	1	.923	Providence	4	6	2
Frankford	9	4	5	.692	Chicago Bears	4	8	3
Chicago Cards	6	6	1	.500	Buffalo	1	7	1
Boston	4	4	5	.400	Minneapolis	1	9	0
Orange	3	4	4	.429	Dayton	0	6	0

1930								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Green Bay	10	3	1	.769	Chicago Cards	5	6	2
N.Y. Giants	13	4	0	.769	Portsmouth	5	6	3
Chicago Bears	8	4	1	.667	Frankford	4	14	1
Brooklyn	7	4	1	.636	Minneapolis	1	7	1
Providence	6	4	0	.600	Newark	1	10	1
Stapleton (N.Y.)	5	5	2	.500				

1931								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Green Bay	12	2	0	.857	Providence	4	4	3
Portsmouth	11	3	0	.786	Stapleton (N.Y.)	4	6	1
Chicago Bears	8	4	0	.667	Cleveland	2	8	0
Chicago Cards	6	4	0	.600	Brooklyn	2	12	0
N.Y. Giants	6	6	1	.500	Frankford	1	6	1

1932								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Chicago Bears	7	1	8	.875	N.Y. Giants	4	6	2
Green Bay	10	3	1	.769	Brooklyn	3	9	0
Portsmouth	6	2	4	.750	Chicago Cards	2	8	2
Boston	4	4	2	.500	Stapleton	2	7	3

1933								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	11	3	0	.786	Chicago Bears	10	2	1
Brooklyn	5	4	1	.556	Portsmouth	6	5	0
Boston	5	8	2	.500	Green Bay	5	7	1
Philadelphia	3	6	1	.375	Cincinnati	3	8	1
Pittsburgh	2	6	2	.333	Chicago Cards	1	9	1

Bears defeated New York, 23-21

1934								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	8	5	0	.615	Chicago Bears	13	0	1
Boston	6	6	0	.500	Detroit	10	3	0
Brooklyn	4	7	0	.364	Green Bay	7	6	0
Philadelphia	4	7	0	.364	Chicago Cards	5	6	0
Pittsburgh	2	10	0	.167	St. Lou. Gunners	1	2	0

*—Franchises transferred to St. Louis, Nov. 5, 1934.

New York Giants defeated Bears, 30-13

1935								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	9	3	0	.750	Detroit	7	3	2
Brooklyn	5	6	1	.455	Green Bay	8	4	0
Pittsburgh	4	8	0	.333	Chicago Bears	6	4	2
*Boston	2	8	1	.200	Chicago Cards	5	4	2
*Philadelphia	2	9	0	.182				

Detroit defeated New York Giants, 28-7

*—One game canceled.

1936								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	7	6	0	.538	Green Bay	10	1	1
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500	Chicago Bears	9	3	0
N.Y. Giants	5	6	1	.455	Detroit	8	4	0
Brooklyn	3	6	1	.375	Chicago Cards	3	8	1
Philadelphia	1	11	0	.083				

*—Franchises transferred to Washington, Feb. 13, 1937

Green Bay defeated Boston, 21-6

1937								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Washington	8	3	0	.727	Chicago Bears	9	1	1
N.Y. Giants	6	3	2	.667	Green Bay	7	4	0
Pittsburgh	4	7	0	.364	Detroit	7	4	0
Brooklyn	3	7	1	.300	Chicago Cards	5	8	1
Philadelphia	2	8	1	.200	Cleveland Rams	1	10	0

Washington defeated Bears, 28-21

1938								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	8	2	1	.800	Green Bay	8	3	0
Washington	6	3	2	.667	Detroit	7	4	0
Philadelphia	4	4	3	.500	Chicago Bears	6	5	0
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	Cleveland Rams	4	7	0
Pittsburgh	2	9	0	.182	Chicago Cards	2	9	0

New York defeated Green Bay, 23-17

1939								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	9	1	1	.900	Green Bay	9	2	0
Washington	8	2	1	.800	Chicago Bears	8	3	0
Brooklyn	4	6	1	.400	Detroit	6	5	0
Philadelphia	1	9	1	.100	Cleveland Rams	5	1	0
Pittsburgh	1	9	1	.100	Chicago Cards	1	10	0

Green Bay defeated New York, 27-0

1940								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Chicago Bears	8	3	0	.727	Washington	9	2	0
Green Bay	6	4	1	.600	Brooklyn	8	3	0
Detroit	5	1	2	.500	N.Y. Giants	6	4	1
Cleveland Rams	4	6	1	.400	Pittsburgh	2	7	2
Chicago Cards	2	7	2	.222	Philadelphia	1	10	0

Chicago defeated Washington, 73-0

1941								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	8	3	0	.727	Chicago Bears	10	1	0
Brooklyn	7	4	0	.636	Green Bay	10	1	0
Washington	6	5	0	.545	Detroit	4	6	1
Philadelphia	2	8	1	.200	Chicago Cards	3	7	1
Pittsburgh	1	9	1	.100	Clev. Rams	2	9	0

*—Bears defeated Green Bay, 33-14, in Divisional Playoff

Bears defeated New York, 37-8

1942								
	W	L	T	Pct.		W	L	T
Washington	10	1	0	.909	Chicago Bears	11	0	1
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	Green Bay	8	2	1
New York	6	5	1	.500	Clev. Rams	6	0	4
Brooklyn	3	8	0	.273	Chicago Cards	3	8	0
Philadelphia	2	9	0	.182	Detroit	0	11	0

Washington defeated Bears, 14-6

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1943									
Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	T	Pct.
*Washington	6	2	1	.667	Chicago Bears	8	1	1	.889
N.Y. Giants	6	3	1	.667	Green Bay	7	2	1	.778
Phil-Pitt	5	4	1	.556	Detroit	3	6	1	.333
Brooklyn	2	8	0	.200	Chicago Cards	0	10	0	.000

*—Washington defeated New York, 28-0, in Divisional Playoff
Chicago Bears defeated Washington, 41-21

1944									
Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	T	Pct.
N.Y. Giants	8	1	1	.889	Green Bay	8	2	0	.800
Philadelphia	7	1	2	.875	Chicago Bears	6	3	1	.667
Washington	6	3	1	.667	Detroit	6	3	1	.667
Boston Yanks	2	8	0	.200	Cleve. Rams	4	6	0	.400
Brooklyn	0	10	0	.000	Card-Pitt	0	10	0	.000

Green Bay defeated New York, 14-7

1945									
Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	T	Pct.
Washington	8	2	0	.800	Cleve. Rams	9	1	0	.900
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700	Detroit	7	3	0	.700
N.Y. Giants	3	6	1	.333	Green Bay	6	4	0	.600
Boston	3	6	1	.333	Chicago Bears	3	7	0	.300
Pittsburgh	2	8	0	.200	Chicago Cards	1	9	0	.100

*—Franchise transferred to Los Angeles, Jan. 12, 1946.
Cleveland defeated Washington, 15-14

1946									
Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	T	Pct.
N.Y. Giants	7	3	1	.700	Chicago Bears	8	2	1	.800
Philadelphia	6	5	0	.545	Los Angeles	6	4	1	.600
Washington	5	5	1	.500	Green Bay	6	5	0	.545
Pittsburgh	5	5	1	.500	Chicago Cards	6	5	0	.545
Boston Yanks	2	8	1	.200	Detroit	1	10	0	.091

Chicago Bears defeated New York, 24-14

1947									
Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	T	Pct.
*Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	Chicago Cards	9	3	0	.750
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	Chicago Bears	8	4	0	.667
Boston Yanks	4	7	1	.364	Green Bay	6	5	1	.545
Washington	4	8	0	.333	Los Angeles	6	6	0	.500
N.Y. Giants	2	8	2	.200	Detroit	3	9	0	.250

*—Philadelphia defeated Pittsburgh, 21-0, in Divisional Playoff
Chicago Cardinals defeated Philadelphia, 28-21

1948									
Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	T	Pct.
Philadelphia	9	2	1	.818	Chicago Cards	11	1	0	.917
Washington	7	5	0	.583	Chicago Bears	10	2	0	.833
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	Los Angeles	6	6	1	.545
Pittsburgh	4	8	0	.333	Green Bay	3	9	0	.250
Boston Yanks	3	9	0	.250	Detroit	2	10	0	.167

Philadelphia defeated Chicago Cardinals, 7-0

1949									
Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	T	Pct.
Philadelphia	11	1	0	.917	Los Angeles	8	2	2	.800
Pittsburgh	6	5	1	.545	Chicago Bears	9	3	0	.750
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	N.Y. Yanks	7	5	1	.583
Washington	4	7	1	.364	Detroit	4	8	0	.333
N.Y. Bulldogs	1	10	1	.091	Green Bay	2	10	0	.167

Philadelphia defeated Chicago Cardinals, 7-0

1950									
Amer. Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.	Natl. Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.
*Cleve. Browns	10	2	0	.833	Los Angeles	9	3	0	.750
N.Y. Giants	10	2	0	.833	Chicago Bears	9	3	0	.750
Philadelphia	6	6	0	.500	N.Y. Yanks	7	5	0	.583
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500	Detroit	6	6	0	.500
Chicago Cards	5	7	0	.417	Green Bay	3	9	0	.250
Washington	3	9	0	.250	San Francisco	3	9	0	.250

*—Cleveland defeated New York Giants, 8-3, in conference playoff

1—Los Angeles defeated Chicago Bears, 24-14, in conference playoff

Cleveland defeated Los Angeles, 30-28

1951									
Amer. Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.	Natl. Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.
Cleveland	11	1	0	.917	Los Angeles	8	4	0	.667
N.Y. Giants	9	2	1	.818	Detroit	7	4	1	.636
Washington	5	7	0	.417	San Francisco	7	4	1	.636
Pittsburgh	4	7	1	.364	Chicago Bears	7	5	0	.583
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	Green Bay	3	9	0	.250
Chicago Cards	3	9	0	.250	N.Y. Yanks	1	9	2	.100

*—Franchise transferred to Baltimore, Jan. 24, 1952

Los Angeles defeated Cleveland, 24-17

1952									
Amer. Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.	Natl. Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.
Cleveland	8	4	0	.667	*Detroit	9	3	0	.750
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	Los Angeles	9	3	0	.750
Philadelphia	7	5	0	.583	San Francisco	7	5	0	.583
Pittsburgh	6	7	0	.417	Green Bay	6	6	0	.500
Chicago Cards	4	8	0	.333	Chicago Bears	5	7	0	.417
Washington	4	8	0	.333	Dallas Texans	1	11	0	.083

*—Detroit defeated Los Angeles, 31-21, in conference playoff

1—Franchise transferred to Baltimore, Jan. 23, 1953.

Detroit defeated Cleveland, 17-7

1953									
East. Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.	West. Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.
Cleveland	11	1	0	.917	Detroit	10	2	0	.833
Philadelphia	7	4	1	.636	San Francisco	9	3	0	.750
Washington	6	5	1	.545	Los Angeles	8	3	1	.727
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500	Chicago Bears	3	8	1	.273
N.Y. Giants	3	9	0	.250	Baltimore	3	9	0	.250
Chicago Cards	1	10	1	.091	Green Bay	2	9	1	.182

Detroit defeated Cleveland, 17-16

1954									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.
Cleveland	9	3	0	.750	Detroit	9	2	1	.818
Philadelphia	7	4	1	.636	Chicago Bears	8	4	0	.667
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	San Francisco	7	4	1	.636
Pittsburgh	5	7	0	.417	Los Angeles	6	5	1	.545
Washington	3	9	0	.250	Green Bay	4	8	0	.333
Chicago Cards	2	10	0	.167	Baltimore	3	9	0	.250

Cleveland defeated Detroit, 50-10

1955									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.
Cleveland	9	2	1	.818	Los Angeles	8	3	1	.727
Washington	8	4	0	.667	Chicago Bears	8	4	0	.667
N.Y. Giants	6	5	1	.545	Green Bay	6	6	0	.500
Chicago Cards	4	7	1	.364	Baltimore	5	6	1	.455
Philadelphia	4	7	1	.364	San Francisco	4	8	0	.333
Pittsburgh	4	8	0	.333	Detroit	3	9	0	.250

Cleveland defeated Los Angeles, 38-14

1956									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.
N.Y. Giants	8	3	1	.818	Chicago Bears	9	2	1	.818
Chicago Cards	7	5	0	.583	Detroit	9	3	0	.750
Washington	6	6	0	.500	San Francisco	5	6	1	.455
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	Baltimore	5	7	0	.417
Pittsburgh	5	7	0	.417	Green Bay	4	8	0	.333
Philadelphia	3	9	1	.273	Los Angeles	4	8	0	.333

New York defeated Chicago Bears, 47-7

1957									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.
Cleveland	9	2	1	.818	*Detroit	8	4	0	.667
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	San Francisco	8	4	0	.667
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500	Baltimore	7	5	0	.583
Washington	5	6	1	.455	Los Angeles	6	6	0	.500
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	Chicago Bears	5	7	0	.417
Chicago Cards	3	9	0	.250	Green Bay	3	9	0	.250

*—Detroit defeated San Francisco, 31-27, in conference playoff

Detroit defeated Cleveland, 59-19

1958									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.
*N.Y. Giants	9	3	0	.750	Baltimore	9	3	0	.750
Cleveland	9	3	0	.750	Chicago Bears	8	4	0	.667
Philadelphia	7	4	1	.636	San Francisco	4	8	0	.333
Washington	4	7	1	.364	San Francisco	6	6	0	.500
Chicago Cards	2	9	1	.182	Detroit	4	7	1	.364
Philadelphia	2	9	1	.182	Green Bay	1	10	0	.091

*—New York defeated Cleveland, 10-0, in conference playoff

Baltimore defeated New York, 23-17 (Sudden Death-8:15)

1959									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct.
N.Y. Giants	10	2	0	.833	Baltimore	9	3	0	.750
Cleveland	7	5	0	.583	Chicago Bears	8	4	0	.667
Philadelphia	7	5	0	.583	Green Bay	7	5	0	.583
Pittsburgh	6	6	1	.545	San Francisco	7	5	0	.583
Washington	3	8	0	.250	Detroit	3	8	1	.213
Chicago Cards	2	10	0	.167	Los Angeles	2	10	0	.167

Baltimore defeated New York 31-16

1960									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct
Philadelphia	10	2	0	.833	Green Bay	8	4	0	.666
Cleveland	8	3	1	.727	Detroit	7	6	0	.583
New York	8	4	2	.600	San Francisco	7	6	0	.583
St. Louis	6	5	1	.545	Baltimore	6	6	0	.500
Pittsburgh	5	6	1	.454	Chicago	5	6	1	.454
Washington	1	9	2	.100	Los Angeles	4	7	1	.363
					Dallas	0	11	1	.000

Philadelphia defeated Green Bay, 17-13

1961									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct
New York	10	3	1	.769	Green Bay	11	3	0	.786
Philadelphia	10	4	0	.714	Detroit	8	5	1	.615
Cleveland	8	5	1	.615	Baltimore	8	6	0	.571
St. Louis	7	7	0	.500	Chicago	8	6	0	.571
Pittsburgh	6	8	0	.429	San Francisco	7	6	1	.538
Dallas	4	9	1	.308	Los Angeles	4	10	0	.286
Washington	1	12	1	.077	Minnesota	3	11	0	.214

Green Bay defeated New York, 37-0

1962									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct
New York	12	2	0	.857	Green Bay	13	1	0	.929
Pittsburgh	9	5	0	.643	Detroit	11	3	0	.786
Cleveland	7	6	1	.538	Chicago	9	5	0	.643
Washington	5	8	1	.417	Baltimore	7	7	0	.500
Dallas	5	8	1	.385	San Francisco	6	8	0	.429
St. Louis	4	9	1	.308	Minnesota	2	11	1	.154
Philadelphia	3	10	1	.231	Los Angeles	1	12	1	.077

Green Bay defeated New York, 16-7

1963									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct
New York	11	3	0	.786	Chicago	11	1	0	.917
Cleveland	10	4	0	.714	Green Bay	11	2	1	.846
St. Louis	9	5	0	.643	Baltimore	8	6	0	.571
Pittsburgh	7	4	3	.563	Detroit	5	8	1	.385
Dallas	4	10	0	.286	Minnesota	5	8	1	.385
Washington	3	11	0	.214	Los Angeles	5	9	0	.357
Philadelphia	2	10	2	.167	San Francisco	2	12	0	.143

Chicago defeated New York, 14-10

1964									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct
Cleveland	10	3	1	.769	Baltimore	12	2	0	.857
St. Louis	9	3	2	.750	Green Bay	8	5	1	.615
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	Minnesota	8	5	1	.615
Washington	6	8	0	.429	Detroit	7	5	2	.583
Dallas	5	8	1	.385	Los Angeles	5	7	2	.417
Pittsburgh	5	9	0	.357	Chicago	5	9	0	.357
New York	2	10	2	.167	San Francisco	4	10	0	.286

Cleveland defeated Baltimore, 27-0

1965									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct
Cleveland	11	3	0	.786	Green Bay	10	3	1	.769
St. Louis	7	7	0	.500	Baltimore	10	3	1	.769
New York	7	7	0	.500	Chicago	9	6	0	.643
Washington	6	8	0	.429	San Francisco	7	6	1	.538
Philadelphia	5	9	0	.357	Minnesota	7	7	0	.500
St. Louis	5	9	0	.357	Detroit	6	7	1	.462
Pittsburgh	2	12	0	.143	Los Angeles	4	10	0	.286

*Green Bay defeated Baltimore, 13-10 in conference playoff.

(Sudden Death—13-30.)

Green Bay defeated Cleveland, 23-12.

1966									
Eastern Conf.	W	L	T	Pct	Western Conf.	W	L	T	Pct
Dallas	10	3	1	.769	Green Bay	12	2	0	.857
Cleveland	9	5	0	.643	Baltimore	9	5	0	.643
Philadelphia	9	5	0	.643	Los Angeles	8	6	0	.571
St. Louis	8	6	1	.571	San Francisco	6	6	2	.500
Washington	7	7	0	.500	Chicago	5	7	2	.417
Pittsburgh	5	8	1	.385	Detroit	4	8	1	.308
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	Minnesota	4	9	1	.308
New York	1	12	1	.077					

Green Bay defeated Dallas, 34-27 for NFL Championship

Green Bay defeated Kansas City, 36-10 in first AFL-NFL game.

1967									
Eastern Conference									
Capitol Division	W	L	T	Pct	Century Division	W	L	T	Pct
Dallas	9	5	0	.643	Cleveland	9	5	0	.643
Philadelphia	6	7	1	.462	New York	7	7	0	.500
Washington	5	6	3	.455	St. Louis	6	7	1	.462
New Orleans	3	11	0	.214	Pittsburgh	4	9	1	.308

Dallas won Eastern Conference Championship, 52-14 over Cleveland

Western Conference									
Coastal Division	W	L	T	Pct	Central Division	W	L	T	Pct
Los Angeles	11	1	2	.917	Green Bay	9	4	1	.692
Baltimore	11	1	2	.917	Chicago	7	6	1	.538
San Francisco	7	7	0	.500	Detroit	5	7	2	.417
Atlanta	1	12	1	.077	Minnesota	3	8	3	.273

Green Bay defeated Dallas, 21-17 for NFL Championship

Green Bay defeated Oakland, 33-14 in AFL-NFL game

1968									
Eastern Conference									
Capitol Division	W	L	T	Pct	Century Division	W	L	T	Pct
Dallas	12	2	0	.857	Cleveland	10	4	0	.714
New York	7	7	0	.500	St. Louis	9	4	1	.692
Washington	5	9	0	.375	New Orleans	4	9	1	.308
Philadelphia	2	12	0	.143	Pittsburgh	2	11	1	.154

Cleveland won Eastern Conference championship, 31-20 over Dallas

Western Conference									
Coastal Division	W	L	T	Pct	Central Division	W	L	T	Pct
Baltimore	13	1	0	.929	Minnesota	8	6	0	.571
Los Angeles	10	3	1	.769	Chicago	7	7	0	.500
San Francisco	7	6	1	.538	Green Bay	6	7	1	.462
Atlanta	2	12	0	.143	Detroit	4	8	2	.333

Baltimore defeated Cleveland, 34-0 for NFL Championship

New York Jets defeated Baltimore, 16-7 in AFL-NFL game

1969									
Eastern Conference									
Capitol Division	W	L	T	Pct	Century Division	W	L	T	Pct
Dallas	11	2	1	.846	Cleveland	10	3	1	.769
Washington	7	5	2	.583	New York	6	8	0	.429
New Orleans	5	9	0	.357	St. Louis	4	9	1	.308
Philadelphia	4	9	1	.308	Pittsburgh	1	13	0	.071

Cleveland won Eastern Conference championship, 38-14, over Dallas

Minnesota defeated Cleveland, 27-7, for NFL Championship

Western Conference									
Coastal Division	W	L	T	Pct	Central Division	W	L	T	Pct
Los Angeles	11	3	0	.786	Minnesota	12	2	0	.857
Baltimore	8	5	1	.615	Detroit	9	4	1	.692
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	Green Bay	8	6	0	.571
San Francisco	4	8	2	.333	Chicago	1	13	0	.071

Minnesota won Western Conference championship, 23-20, over Los Angeles

Kansas City defeated Minnesota, 23-7, in AFL-NFL game.

1970
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Central	W	L	T	Pct
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571
Cleveland	7	7	0	.500
Pittsburgh	5	9	0	.357
Houston	3	10	1	.231

Western	W	L	T	Pct
Oakland	8	4	2	.667
Kansas City	7	5	2	.583
San Diego	5	8	3	.485
Denver	5	8	1	.387

Eastern	W	L	T	Pct
Baltimore	11	2	1	.846
Miami	10	4	0	.714
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286
Buffalo	3	10	1	.231
Boston	2	12	0	.143

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Central	W	L	T	Pct
Minnesota	12	2	0	.857
Detroit	10	4	0	.714
Chicago	6	8	0	.429
Green Bay	6	8	0	.429

Western	W	L	T	Pct
San Fran.	10	3	1	.769
Los Angeles	9	4	1	.692
Atlanta	4	8	2	.333
New Orleans	2	11	1	.154

Eastern	W	L	T	Pct
Dallas	10	4	0	.714
N.Y. Giants	9	5	0	.643
St. Louis	8	5	1	.615
Washington	6	8	0	.429
Philadelphia	3	10	1	.231

AFC Divisional Playoffs:
Baltimore 17, Cincinnati 0
Oakland 21, Miami 14NFC Divisional Playoffs:
Dallas 6, Detroit 0
San Francisco 17, Minnesota 14Super Bowl V:
Baltimore 16, Dallas 13AFC Championship
Baltimore 27, Oakland 17NFC Championship:
Dallas 17, San Francisco 10

1971

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Central	W	L	T	Pct
Cleveland	9	5	0	.643
Pittsburgh	6	8	0	.429
Houston	4	9	1	.308
Cincinnati	4	10	0	.286

Western	W	L	T	Pct
Kansas City	10	3	1	.769
Oakland	8	4	2	.667
San Diego	6	8	0	.429
Denver	4	9	1	.308

Eastern	W	L	T	Pct
Miami	10	3	1	.769
Baltimore	10	4	0	.714
New England	6	8	0	.429
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429
Buffalo	1	13	0	.071

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Central	W	L	T	Pct
Minnesota	11	3	0	.786
Detroit	7	6	1	.538
Chicago	6	8	0	.429
Green Bay	4	8	2	.333

Western	W	L	T	Pct
San Fran.	9	5	0	.643
Los Angeles	8	5	1	.615
Atlanta	7	6	1	.538
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Eastern	W	L	T	Pct
Dallas	11	3	0	.786
Washington	9	4	1	.692
Philadelphia	6	7	1	.462
St. Louis	4	9	1	.308
N.Y. Giants	4	10	0	.286

AFC Divisional Playoffs

Miami 27, Kansas City 24 (2 OT)
Baltimore 20, Cleveland 3

AFC Championship

Miami 21, Baltimore 0

NFC Divisional Playoffs

San Francisco 24, Washington 20
Dallas 20, Minnesota 12

NFC Championship

Dallas 14, San Francisco 3

Super Bowl VI

Dallas 24, Miami 3

1972

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Central	W	L	T	Pct.
Pittsburgh	11	3	0	.786
Cleveland	10	4	0	.714
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571
Houston	1	13	0	.071

Western	W	L	T	Pct.
Oakland	10	3	1	.750
Kansas City	8	6	0	.571
Denver	5	9	0	.429
San Diego	4	9	1	.321

Eastern	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami	14	0	0	1.000
N.Y. Jets	7	7	0	.500
Baltimore	5	9	0	.429
Buffalo	4	9	1	.321
New England	3	11	0	.214

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pct.
Green Bay	10	4	0	.714
Detroit	8	5	1	.607
Minnesota	7	7	0	.500
Chicago	4	9	1	.321

Western Division	W	L	T	Pct.
San Francisco	8	5	1	.607
Atlanta	7	7	0	.500
Los Angeles	6	7	1	.464
New Orleans	2	11	1	.179

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct.
Washington	11	3	0	.786
Dallas	10	4	0	.714
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571
St. Louis	4	9	1	.321
Philadelphia	2	11	1	.179

AFC Divisional Playoffs

Pittsburgh 13, Oakland 7
Miami 20, Cleveland 14

AFC Championship

Miami 21, Pittsburgh 17

NFC Divisional Playoffs

Dallas 30, San Francisco 28
Washington 16, Green Bay 3

NFC Championship

Washington 26, Dallas 3

Super Bowl VII

Miami 14, Washington 7

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New Orleans' Archie Manning aims a pass over a rusher.

RUSHING

AFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - O. J. Simpson of Buffalo who led the entire NFL with 1,251 yards. Five others rushed for 1,000 yards: Larry Csonka, Miami, 1,117; Marv Hubbard, Oakland, 1,100; Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 1,055; Mike Garrett, San Diego, 1,031; Mercury Morris, Miami, 1,000.

NFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Larry Brown, Washington, who rushed for 1,216 yards. Others who reached the 1,000 plateau were Ron Johnson, New York Giants, 1,182; Calvin Hill, Dallas, 1,036; John Brockington, Green Bay, 1,027.

AFC BEST AVERAGE - Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, with a 5.6 average, the result of 1,055 yards on 188 carries.

NFC BEST AVERAGE - Bobby Douglass, Chicago Bears' quarterback with a 6.9 average, best in the NFL. Douglass rushed 141 times for 968 yards, most by any quarterback in NFL history.

AFC MOST TOUCHDOWNS - Mercury Morris, Miami, had 12, most in the NFL.

NFC MOST TOUCHDOWNS - Ron Johnson, New York Giants and Greg Landry, Detroit, tied with 9 each.

AFC MOST ATTEMPTS - O. J. Simpson, Buffalo, led with 292.

NFC MOST ATTEMPTS - Ron Johnson, New York Giants, had 298, most in the NFL.

AFC BEST ONE GAME PERFORMANCE - O. J. Simpson, Buffalo, on October 29th vs Pittsburgh, gained 189 yards on 22 carries.

NFC BEST ONE GAME PERFORMANCE - Larry Brown, Washington, on October 29th vs New York Giants, gained 191 yards on 29 attempts.

AFC LONGEST RUN - O. J. Simpson, Buffalo, ran 94 yards for a touchdown vs Pittsburgh on October 29th. It was the longest run from scrimmage in the League in 1972.

NFC LONGEST RUN - Larry Smith, Los Angeles, ran 68 yards vs San Francisco, October 8th.

AFC TEAM LEADERS - Baltimore, Don McCauley, 875; Buffalo, O.J./Simpson, 1,251; Cincinnati, Essex Johnson, 825; Cleveland, Leroy Kelly, 811; Denver, Floyd Little, 859; Houston, Fred Willis, 461; Kansas City, Ed Podolak, 615; Miami, Larry Csonka, 1,117; New England, Josh Ashton, 546; New York Jets, John Riggins, 944; Oakland, Marv Hubbard, 1,100; Pittsburgh, Franco Harris, 1,055; San Diego, Mike Garrett, 1,031.

NFC TEAM LEADERS - Atlanta, Dave Hampton, 995; Chicago, Bobby Douglass, 968; Dallas, Calvin Hill, 1,036; Detroit, Attie Taylor, 658; Green Bay, John Brockington, 1,027; Los Angeles, Willie Ellison, 764; Minnesota, Oscar Reed, 639; New Orleans, Bob Oresham, 381; New York Giants, Ron Johnson, 1,182; Philadelphia, Ron James, 565; St. Louis, Donny Anderson, 536; San Francisco, Vic Washington, 466; Washington, Larry Brown, 1,216.

AFC TEAM CHAMPION - Miami was the rushing leader for the third consecutive season and their 2,960 yards established a new NFL record for rushing. The previous record was 2,885 by the 1936 Detroit Lions. The best average in the NFL in 1972 was achieved by the Pittsburgh Steelers who gained 5.1 yards per carry.

NFC TEAM CHAMPION - Chicago gained 2,360 yards rushing and the Los Angeles Rams had the best average in the conference, 4.7 yards per attempt.

NFL TOP TEN RUSHERS

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
SIMPSON, BUFF.	292	1251	4.3	94t	6
Brown, Wash.	285	1216	4.3	38t	8
Johnson, Ron., N.Y.G.	298	1182	4.0	35t	9
Csonka, Mia.	213	1117	5.2	45	6
Hubbard, Oak.	219	1100	5.0	39	4
Harris, Pitt.	188	1055	5.6	75t	10
Hill, Dall.	245	1036	4.2	26	6
Garrett, S.D.	272	1031	3.8	41t	6
Brockington, G.B.	274	1027	3.7	30t	8
Morris, Mia.	190	1000	5.3	33	12

AFC - INDIVIDUAL

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
SIMPSON, BUFF.	292	1251	4.3	94t	6
Csonka, Mia.	213	1117	5.2	45	6
Hubbard, Oak.	219	1100	5.0	39	4
Harris, Pitt.	188	1055	5.6	75t	10
Garrett, S.D.	272	1031	3.8	41t	6
Morris, Mia.	190	1000	5.3	33	12
Riggins, N.Y.J.	207	944	4.6	40	7
Little, Den.	216	859	4.0	55t	9
Johnson, E., Cin.	212	825	3.9	19	4
Kelly, Clev.	224	811	3.6	18	4
Smith, Oak.	170	686	4.0	28	8
Edwards, S.D.	157	679	4.3	31t	5
McCauley, Balt.	178	675	3.8	36	2
Fugua, Pitt.	150	665	4.4	47	4
Podolak, K.C.	171	615	3.6	30	4
Scott, R., Clev.	123	571	4.6	27t	2

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
BROWN, WASH.	285	1216	4.3	38t	8
Johnson, Ron, N.Y.G.	298	1182	4.0	35t	9
Brockington, G.B.	245	1036	4.2	26	6
Hampton, Atl.	274	1027	3.7	30t	8
Douglass, Chi.	230	995	4.3	56t	5
Lane, G.B.	141	968	6.9	57t	8
Malone, Atl.	177	821	4.6	41	3
Garrison, Dall.	180	798	4.4	27	5
Ellison, L.A.	167	784	4.7	41	7
Taylor, Det.	170	764	4.5	37	5
Reed, Minn.	154	658	4.3	38t	4
Harrison, Chi.	151	639	4.2	43	2
Bertelsen, L.A.	167	622	3.7	19	2
Hawaway, Wash.	123	581	4.7	42	5
James, Phil.	148	567	3.8	24	5
	182	565	3.1	22	0

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AFC - INDIVIDUAL

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Dresler, Cin.	128	565	4.4	43t	6
Booser, N.Y.J.	120	549	4.6	37t	11
Ashburn, N.E.	128	546	4.3	35	1
Hayes, K.C.	128	536	4.2	28	0
Kiick, M.A.	137	521	3.8	26	5
Garrett, N.E.	131	488	3.7	41t	5
Nottingham, Balt.	123	466	3.8	25	3
Willis, Cin.-Hou.	134	451	3.4	41	1
Braxton, Buff.	116	453	3.9	21	0
Robinson, Cin.-Hou.	107	449	4.2	30t	3
Davis, Oak.	71	363	5.1	45t	6
Bradshaw, Pitt.	58	346	6.0	20t	7
Anderson, Den.	72	319	4.4	40	1
McClain, N.Y.J.	59	305	5.2	39	0
Adams, K.C.	73	303	4.2	19	1
Pearson, Pitt.	67	264	3.9	21	0
Phipps, Cleve.	60	256	4.3	18	5
Dawkins, Den.	56	243	4.3	19	2
Plunkett, N.E.	36	230	6.4	21	1
Mitchell, L., Balt.	45	215	4.8	14	1
Phillips, Cin.	48	207	4.3	20	0
Pastorini, Hou.	38	205	5.4	17	2
Rodgers, Hou.	71	204	2.9	14	2
Granger, Hou.	42	175	4.2	14	0
Holmes, R., Hou.	43	172	4.0	18	0
Lynch, Den.	34	164	4.8	28	2
Ginn, M.A.	27	142	5.3	22	1
Banasak, Oak.	30	138	4.6	15	1
Shaw, Buff.	39	138	3.9	16	0
Dumres, Balt.	30	137	4.6	15t	1
Matte, Balt.	33	137	4.2	18	0
Livingston, K.C.	14	133	9.5	51	0
Tarver, N.E.	42	132	3.1	21	1
Patrick, Buff.	35	130	3.7	9	0
Harkey, N.Y.J.	45	129	2.9	10	0
Kinney, K.C.	38	122	3.2	16	1
Brown, Cleve.	32	114	3.6	14	2
Bulach, Balt.	27	109	4.0	18	1
Hadi, S.D.	22	99	4.5	18	1
Anderson, Cin.	25	94	3.8	16	0
Otis, K.C.	22	92	3.2	12	0
Davis, Steve, Pitt.	20	85	4.3	28t	1
Leigh, M.A.	21	79	3.8	10	0
Van Heusen, Den.	3	76	25.3	64t	1
Dewson, K.C.	15	75	5.0	20	0
White, L., S.D.	23	73	3.2	12	0
Odome, Den.	5	72	14.4	27	0
Havrilak, Balt.	12	72	6.0	32t	2
Lewis, Pitt.	3	68	22.7	41	0
Morrall, M.A.	17	67	3.9	31t	1
Krieg, Den.	13	63	63.0	63	0
Taylor, S.D.	13	58	4.5	17	0
Carter, Cin.	12	57	4.8	14	0
Jackson, Buff.	17	57	3.4	15	0
Gladieux, N.E.	24	56	2.3	11	0
Bjorklund, N.Y.J.	15	42	2.8	10	0
Walsh, Hou.	8	36	4.5	14	0
Dowling, N.E.	7	35	6.0	13	0
Dougherty, Balt.	2	33	16.5	17	0
Lamonica, Oak.	10	33	3.3	14	0
Maitland, N.E.	13	33	2.5	6	0
Davis, N.Y.J.	6	32	5.3	20	0
Dragon, S.D.	9	30	3.3	7	0
Pitts, Cleve.	3	29	9.7	17	0
Chandler, B., Buff.	3	27	9.0	16	0
Stabler, Oak.	6	27	4.5	15	0
Carter, S.D.	1	25	25.0	25	0
Wright, K.C.	1	24	24.0	24	0
Warfield, M.A.	4	23	5.8	21	0
Bankston, Pitt.	7	20	2.9	11	0
Hart, L., Buff.	5	19	3.8	16	0
Talidferro, Buff.	5	19	3.8	14	0
Jones, Buff.	2	18	9.0	10	0
Bleier, Pitt.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Turner, C., Den.	5	16	3.2	13	0
Lewis, Cin.	5	15	15.0	15	0
Unitas, Balt.	3	15	5.0	8	0
Ramey, Den.	6	15	2.5	8t	2
Williams, S.D.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Joiner, Hou.-Cin.	3	14	4.7	9	0
Taylor, K.C.	5	13	2.6	11	0
Johnson, A., Hou.	11	13	1.2	7	0
Hill, Buff.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Studditt, N.E.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Moses, Den.	2	11	5.5	14	0
Griest, M.A.	3	11	3.7	5	0
Nowatzke, Balt.	3	11	3.7	6	0
Hughamith, Oak.	9	11	1.2	12	0
Queen, Oak.	4	10	2.5	10	0
Baker, Hou.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Harrison, Den.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Key, Buff.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Norman, S.D.	1	9	9.0	9	0
O'Brien, Balt.	2	9	4.5	7	0
Conley, Cin.	3	8	2.7	5	0
Mildren, Balt.	3	8	2.7	5	0
Namath, N.Y.J.	6	8	1.3	2	0
Cornell, Cleve.	7	8	1.1	7	0
Mitchell, T., Balt.	9	7	7.0	7t	0
Caster, N.Y.J.	2	6	3.0	6	0
Lefer, Cleve.	3	6	2.0	4	0
Branch, Oak.	1	5	5.0	5	0

RUSHING (Continued)

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Anderson, St.L.	153	536	3.5	19	4
Landry, Det.	81	524	6.5	38t	9
Owens, Det.	143	519	3.6	18	4
Washington, V., S.F.	141	468	3.3	31	3
Thomas, L.A.	77	433	5.6	49	3
Schreiber, S.F.	118	420	3.6	20	2
Roland, St.L.	105	414	3.9	18	2
Gresham, N.O.	121	381	3.1	23	3
Manning, N.O.	83	351	4.2	19	2
Willard, S.F.	100	345	3.5	23	4
Shy, Chi.	91	342	3.8	22	1
Baker, Phil.	90	322	3.6	14	0
Evans, N.Y.G.	91	317	3.5	24t	4
Finder, Chi.	87	300	3.4	19	3
Smith, L.A.	60	276	4.6	58	2
Brown, St., Minn.	82	263	3.2	19	4
Watkins, Phil.	67	262	3.9	28	1
Osborn, Minn.	82	261	3.2	10t	2
Thomas, S.F.	52	250	4.8	22	1
Butler, N.O.	54	233	4.3	27	0
Marsden, Minn.	66	223	3.4	17	0
Clements, N.Y.G.	66	221	4.4	19	0
Farr, Det.	62	216	3.5	22	3
Tarkenton, Minn.	27	190	6.7	21	0
Jones, Minn.	52	164	3.2	33	2
Mul-Key, Wash.	33	155	4.7	35	1
Williams, F., G.B.	33	139	4.2	14	0
Proffitt, Atl.	40	132	3.3	14	0
Orduna, N.Y.G.	36	129	3.6	17	1
Strong, N.O.	37	120	3.2	9	0
Newhouse, Dall.	26	116	4.1	19	1
Reaves, Phil.	18	109	6.1	16	1
Lawson, Chi.	33	106	3.2	14	1
Berry, Atl.	24	86	3.6	16	2
Brunet, Wash.	30	82	2.7	18	2
Montgomery, Dall.	35	81	2.3	10	1
Jackson, Phil.	9	76	8.4	34	0
Josephson, L.A.	18	75	4.2	13	0
Williams, J., N.O.	31	72	2.3	11	0
Staubach, Dall.	7	71	10.1	18	0
Burns, St.L.	26	69	2.7	9	0
Hudson, G.B.	15	62	4.1	17	1
Spurrier, S.F.	11	51	4.6	15	0
Green, N.O.	14	51	3.6	14	0
Triplet, Det.	17	48	2.8	9	0
Staubach, Dall.	6	45	7.5	20	0
Moore, St.L.	9	44	4.9	15	0
Baynham, St.L.	17	43	2.5	11	0
Taylor, C., Wash.	3	39	13.0	17	0
Kopay, G.B.	10	39	3.9	20	0
Hunter, G.B.	22	37	1.7	15	5
Morrison, N.Y.G.	9	36	4.0	15	0
Thomson, N.Y.G.	9	35	3.9	13	0
Ray, Atl.	8	34	4.2	9	0
Cunningham, S.F.	8	32	4.0	12	0
Smith, St.L.	5	31	6.2	17	0
Butkus, Chi.	1	28	28.0	28	0
Zofko, Det.	7	28	4.0	9	0
Eddy, Det.	8	28	3.5	10	0
VanGelder, St.L.	9	28	3.1	16	0
Ford, N.O.	11	28	2.5	9	0
Morton, Dall.	8	26	3.3	10t	2
Johnson, Ram., N.Y.G.	9	26	2.9	9	1
Duhon, N.Y.G.	9	23	2.6	7	0
Reed, S.F.	4	22	5.5	22	0
Nock, Wash.	6	22	3.7	6	0
Batley, Phil.	7	22	3.1	5	0
Snead, N.Y.G.	10	21	2.1	15	0
Liske, Phil.	7	20	2.9	9	0
Belton, Atl.	10	20	2.0	8	0
Titchell, Atl.	2	19	9.5	18	0
Blanchard, N.Y.G.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Hart, St.L.	9	17	1.9	8	0
Gabriel, L.A.	14	16	1.1	11	1
Reeves, Dall.	3	14	4.7	14	0
Woodeshick, St.L.	5	14	2.8	6	0
Gilliam, Minn.	8	14	1.8	14	0
Glas, G.B.	2	13	6.5	12	0
Thomas, Chi.	5	13	2.6	11	0
Sullivan, Phil.	13	13	1.0	5	0
Shivers, St.L.	5	12	2.4	9	0
Kwalick, S.F.	5	11	2.2	10	0
Hayden, St.L.	8	11	1.4	5	1
Neely, Dall.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Smith, Wash.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Herrmann, N.Y.G.	3	9	3.0	11	0
Izenbarger, S.F.	3	9	3.0	7	0
Lindsey, Minn.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Hayes, Dall.	2	8	4.0	7	0
Sullivan, Atl.	2	8	4.0	8	0
Brodie, S.F.	3	8	2.7	4	1
Cuozzo, St.L.	4	7	1.8	9	0
Tucker, N.Y.G.	3	6	2.0	13t	1
Kosins, Chi.	3	5	1.7	3	0
Barrow, Atl.	3	5	1.0	8	0
Butler, St.L.	1	4	4.0	5	0
Alworth, Dall.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Arrington, Phil.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Crowe, Phil.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Fugett, Dall.	3	2	0.7	9	0
Sweet, L.A.	1	1	1.0	1	0
Vogt, Minn.	1	1	1.0	1t	1

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

AFC - INDIVIDUAL

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Rucker, N.E.	3	5	1.7	8	0
Ernst, Den.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Chester, Oak.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Nix, Hou.	3	3	1.0	5	0
Morrison, Cin.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Sherman, Den.	1	2	2.0	2	0
West, K.C.	2	2	1.0	10	0
DeGaiso, Mia.	1	0	0.0	0	0
McMakin, Pitt.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Gilliam, Pitt.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Johnson, Den.	3	0	0.0	0	0
Nelsen, Clev.	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
Windsor, N.E.	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0
Bell, N.Y.J.	1	-5	-5.0	-5	0
Garrison, S.D.	2	-6	-3.0	0	0
Clark, S.D.	2	-8	-4.0	-3	0
Dicus, S.D.	1	-11	-11.0	-11	0
Masters, Den.	3	-15	-5.0	0	0

RUSHING (Continued)

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Robinson, V., N.O.	5	1	0.2	5	0
Krause, Minn.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Munson, Det.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Parsons, Chi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Davis, G.B.	2	0	0.0	7	0
Hawkins, Phil.	3	0	0.0	12	0
Turner, Chi.	3	0	0.0	11	0
Beathard, L.A.	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Huarte, Chi.	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
Tagge, G.B.	8	-3	-0.4	2	1
Kilmer, Wash.	3	-1	-1.0	1	0
Bell, Atl.	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
Jurgensen, Wash.	4	-5	-1.3	0	0
Klein, L.A.	1	-7	-7.0	-7	0
Parks, N.O.	1	-7	-7.0	-7	0
Stagg, G.B.	1	-8	-8.0	-8	0
Seymour, Chi.	1	-9	-9.0	-9	0
Farmer, Chi.	2	-13	-6.5	-2	0
Eischeid, Minn.	1	-13	-13.0	-13	0

t = Touchdown L = Lateral
Leader based on most yards gained

1972 RUSHING - TEAM

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Miami	613	2,960	4.8	45	26
Pittsburgh	497	2,520	5.1	75d	22
Oakland	521	2,376	4.6	45d	20
Buffalo	512	2,132	4.2	94d	11
New York Jets	461	2,010	4.4	60	18
Cincinnati	491	1,996	4.1	43d	16
San Diego	504	1,995	4.0	41d	12
Kansas City	476	1,915	4.0	51	6
Baltimore	462	1,894	4.1	36	10
Denver	409	1,838	4.5	64d	17
Cleveland	453	1,793	4.0	27d	13
New England	386	1,532	4.0	41d	13
Houston	397	1,518	3.8	43	7
Conference Total	6,182	26,479	---	94d	191
Conference Average	475.5	2,036.8	4.3	--	14.7

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Chicago	536	2,360	4.4	57d	15
Los Angeles	472	2,209	4.7	68	17
Green Bay	564	2,127	3.9	41	17
Dallas	499	2,124	4.3	41	17
Atlanta	500	2,092	4.2	54d	16
Washington	513	2,082	4.1	38d	17
New York Giants	524	2,022	3.9	45	16
Detroit	473	2,021	4.3	38d	20
Minnesota	472	1,760	3.7	43	11
San Francisco	445	1,616	3.6	33	11
Philadelphia	398	1,393	3.5	34	2
New Orleans	337	1,230	3.6	27	5
St. Louis	361	1,229	3.4	19	9
Conference Total	6,074	24,245	---	60	173
Conference Average	467.2	1,865.0	4.0	--	13.3
League Total	12,256	50,724	---	94d	364
League Average	471.4	1,950.9	4.1	--	14.0



San Francisco's Ted Kwalick leaps, eyes shut, for a pass.

PASSING

AFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Earl Morrall of Miami who led in two of the four categories used to determine the leader. He had the best percentage of touchdowns (7.3) and led in average yards gained per attempt (9.07). Len Dawson, Kansas City, had the best percentage of completions (57.4). Ken Anderson, Cincinnati, had the lowest percentage of interceptions (2.3).

NFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Norm Snead of the New York Giants, who also led the NFL. Snead had the best percentage of completions (60.3). Bob Berry, Atlanta, led in average yards gained per attempt (7.79). Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, had the lowest percentage of interceptions (3.4). Billy Kilmer, Washington, had the best percentage of touchdowns (8.4).

AFC LONGEST COMPLETION - Joe Namath of the New York Jets, 83 yards to Eddie Bell for a touchdown vs Baltimore on October 22nd.

NFC LONGEST COMPLETION - Jim Hart of St. Louis, 98 yards to Bobby Moore vs Los Angeles, on December 10th. It was the longest non-touchdown pass in NFL history.

AFC TEAM CHAMPION - Miami was the overall conference leader. In the categories used for ranking the teams, Miami led in percentage of touchdowns (6.6). The New York Jets were first in average gain per pass play (7.63) and Miami was a close second (7.41). Cincinnati led in percentage of completions (57.0) and they had the lowest percentage of interceptions (2.9). The New York Jets permitted their passers to be tackled the fewest times (17).

NFC TEAM CHAMPION - The New York Giants were conference leaders. Among the categories used to determine the leader they led in percentage of completions (59.9). Washington had the best percentage of touchdowns (7.4) and the best gain per pass play (7.43). The Giants were second in the latter category (6.95). Minnesota had the lowest percentage of interceptions (3.4). The Giants permitted their passers to be tackled the fewest times (10). This was the third best protection performance, exceeded only by San Francisco (8) in 1970 and the New York Jets (9) in 1966.

NFL COMBINED RATING INDIVIDUAL (Qualifiers - 140 Attempts)

	Att	Comp	Pct Comp	Yds	TD	Pct TD	Lg	Int	Pct Int	Avg Gain	Pts
SNEAD, N.Y.G.	325	196	60.3	2307	17	5.2	94t	12	3.7	7.10	23
Morrall, Mia.	150	83	55.3	1360	11	7.3	49	7	4.7	9.07	24
Tarkenton, Minn.	378	215	56.9	2651	18	4.8	76t	13	3.4	7.01	29
Berry, Atl.	277	154	55.6	2158	13	4.7	57t	12	4.3	7.79	31
Kilmer, Wash.	225	120	53.3	1648	19	8.4	89t	11	4.9	7.32	34
Lamonica, Oak.	281	149	53.0	1998	18	6.4	70t	12	4.3	7.11	34
Johnson, Den.	238	132	55.5	1783	14	5.9	60	14	5.9	7.49	36
Spurrier, S.F.	269	147	54.6	1983	18	6.7	81t	16	5.9	7.37	38
Unitas, Balt.	157	88	56.1	1111	4	2.5	63t	6	3.8	7.08	44
Domres, Balt.	222	115	51.8	1392	11	5.0	62t	6	2.7	6.27	47
Landry, Det.	268	134	50.0	2066	18	6.7	82t	17	6.3	7.71	47½
Anderson, Cin.	301	171	56.8	1918	7	2.3	65t	7	2.3	6.37	48
Dawson, K.C.	305	175	57.4	1835	13	4.3	44	12	3.9	6.02	49½
Namath, N.Y.J.	324	162	50.0	2816	19	5.9	83t	21	6.5	8.69	50½
Morton, Dall.	339	185	54.6	2396	15	4.4	46	21	6.2	7.07	56
Shaw, Buff.	258	136	52.7	1666	14	5.4	58t	17	6.6	6.46	61
Gabriel, L.A.	323	165	51.1	2027	12	3.7	57t	15	4.6	6.28	69
Manning, N.O.	448	230	51.3	2781	18	4.0	66t	21	4.7	6.21	70
Phipps, Clev.	305	144	47.2	1994	13	4.3	80t	16	5.2	6.54	70½
Bradshaw, Pitt.	308	147	47.7	1887	12	3.9	78t	12	3.9	6.13	71
Hadl, S.D.	370	190	51.4	2449	15	4.1	61	26	7.0	6.62	72
Reaves, Phil.	224	108	48.2	1508	7	3.1	77t	12	5.4	6.73	72
Douglass, Chi.	198	75	37.9	1246	9	4.5	85t	12	6.1	6.29	78
Hunter, G.B.	199	86	43.2	1252	6	3.0	49	9	4.5	6.29	79
Pastorini, Hou.	299	144	48.2	1711	7	2.3	82t	12	4.0	5.72	80
Cuzzo, St.L.	158	69	43.7	897	5	3.2	68t	11	7.0	5.68	98
Plunkett, N.E.	355	169	47.6	2196	8	2.3	62	25	7.0	6.19	100

AFC - INDIVIDUAL (Qualifiers)

	Att	Comp	Pct Comp	Yds	TD	Pct TD	Lg	Int	Pct Int	Avg Gain	Pts
MORRALL, MIA.	150	83	55.3	1360	11	7.3	49	7	4.7	9.07	15
Lamonica, Oak.	281	149	53.0	1998	18	6.4	70t	12	4.3	7.11	19
Johnson, Den.	238	132	55.5	1783	14	5.9	60	14	5.9	7.49	20
Unitas, Balt.	157	88	56.1	1111	4	2.5	63t	6	3.8	7.08	22
Anderson, Cin.	301	171	56.8	1918	7	2.3	65t	7	2.3	6.37	26

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Domres, Balt.	222	115	51.8	1392	11	5.0	62t	6	2.7	6.27	26
Dawson, K.C.	305	175	57.4	1835	13	4.3	44	12	3.9	6.02	26½
Namath, N.Y.J.	324	162	50.0	2816	19	5.9	83t	21	6.5	8.69	27
Shaw, Buff.	258	136	52.7	1666	14	5.4	58t	17	6.6	6.46	32
Hadl, S.D.	370	190	51.4	2449	15	4.1	61	26	7.0	6.62	37
Phipps, Clev.	305	144	47.2	1994	13	4.3	80t	16	5.2	6.54	37½
Bradshaw, Pitt.	308	147	47.7	1887	12	3.9	78t	12	3.9	6.13	38
Pastorini, Hou.	299	144	48.2	1711	7	2.3	82t	12	4.0	5.72	44
Plunkett, N.E.	355	169	47.6	2196	8	2.3	62	25	7.0	6.19	50

(Non-Qualifiers)

Ramsey, Den.	137	65	47.4	1050	3	2.2	55	9	6.6	7.66	
Griese, Mia.	97	53	54.6	638	4	4.1	39	4	4.1	6.58	
Carter, Cin.	82	47	57.3	579	3	3.7	36	4	4.9	7.06	
Stabler, Oak.	74	44	59.5	524	4	5.4	22	3	4.1	7.08	
Livingston, K.C.	78	41	52.6	480	7	9.0	36t	8	10.3	6.15	
Nix, Hou.	63	33	52.4	287	3	4.8	19	6	9.5	4.56	
Dowling, N.E.	54	29	53.7	383	2	3.7	42	1	1.9	7.09	
Taliaferro, Buff.	33	16	48.5	176	1	3.0	24	4	12.1	5.33	
Nelsen, Clev.	31	14	45.2	141	0	0.0	26	3	9.7	4.55	
Davis, N.Y.J.	22	10	45.5	114	2	9.1	35	1	4.5	5.18	

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

(Qualifiers)

	Att	Comp	Pct Comp	Yds	TD	Pct TD	Lg	Int	Pct Int	Avg Gain	Pts
SNEAD, N.Y.G.	325	196	60.3	2307	17	5.2	94t	12	3.7	7.10	12
Berry, Atl.	277	154	55.6	2158	13	4.7	57t	12	4.3	7.79	13
Tarkenton, Minn.	378	215	56.9	2651	18	4.8	76t	13	3.4	7.01	15
Kilmer, Wash.	225	120	53.3	1648	19	8.4	89t	11	4.9	7.32	18
Spurrier, S.F.	269	147	54.6	1983	18	6.7	81t	16	5.9	7.37	19
Landry, Det.	268	134	50.0	2066	18	6.7	82t	17	6.3	7.71	25
Morton, Dall.	339	185	54.6	2396	15	4.4	46	21	6.2	7.07	30
Manning, N.O.	448	230	51.3	2781	18	4.0	66t	21	4.7	6.21	34
Gabriel, L.A.	323	165	51.1	2027	12	3.7	57t	15	4.6	6.28	34
Reaves, Phil.	224	108	48.2	1508	7	3.1	77t	12	5.4	6.73	38
Hunter, G.B.	199	86	43.2	1252	6	3.0	49	9	4.5	6.29	39
Douglass, Chi.	198	75	37.9	1246	9	4.5	85t	12	6.1	6.29	39
Cuozzo, St.L.	158	69	43.7	897	5	3.2	68t	11	7.0	5.68	48

(Non-Qualifiers)

Liske, Phil.	138	71	51.4	973	3	2.2	67t	7	5.1	7.05	
Brodie, S.F.	110	70	63.6	905	9	8.2	53	8	7.3	8.23	
Hart, St.L.	119	60	50.4	857	5	4.2	98	5	4.2	7.20	
VanGelder, St.L.	79	40	50.6	434	1	1.3	71	7	8.9	5.49	
Jurgensen, Wash.	59	39	66.1	633	2	3.4	36t	4	6.8	10.73	
Munson, Det.	35	20	57.1	194	1	2.9	29t	1	2.9	5.54	
Beathard, L.A.	48	19	39.6	255	1	2.1	33	7	14.6	5.31	
Johnson, Ran., N.Y.G.	17	10	58.8	230	3	17.6	63t	3	17.6	13.53	
Tagge, G.B.	29	10	34.5	154	0	0.0	31	0	0.0	5.31	
Staubach, Dall.	20	9	45.0	98	0	0.0	21	2	10.0	4.90	
Arrington, Phil.	13	5	38.5	46	0	0.0	16	1	7.7	3.54	
Lee, Minn.	6	3	50.0	75	1	16.7	63	0	0.0	12.50	
Sullivan, Atl.	19	3	15.8	44	0	0.0	18	3	15.8	2.32	
Lane, G.B.	2	2	100.0	19	0	0.0	10	0	0.0	9.50	
Widby, G.B.	2	2	100.0	102	1	50.0	68t	0	0.0	51.00	
Anderson, St.L.	3	2	66.7	71	0	0.0	38	0	0.0	23.67	
Huarte, Chi.	5	2	40.0	14	0	0.0	8	0	0.0	2.80	
McCullough, Det.	1	1	100.0	23	0	0.0	23	0	0.0	23.00	
Green, Chi.	2	1	50.0	23	0	0.0	23	1	50.0	11.50	
Hill, Dall.	3	1	33.3	55	1	33.3	55t	0	0.0	18.33	
Montgomery, Dall.	3	1	33.3	31	0	0.0	31	0	0.0	10.33	
Patrick, G.B.	4	1	25.0	9	0	0.0	9	0	0.0	2.25	

Blanchard, N.Y.G.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Gresham, N.O.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Iisenbarger, S.F.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Jessie, Det.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Johnson, Ron, N.Y.G.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Krause, Minn.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Staggers, G.B.	1	0	00.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Reeves, Dall.	2	0	00.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Smith, St.L.	2	0	00.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00
Wilson, St.L.	2	0	00.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00

1972 PASSING - TEAM

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	Att	Comp	Pct	Gross	Yards	Net	Pct	Long	Had	Pct	Avg	Avg
			Comp	Yards	Tkd	Yards	TDs	TDs	Int	Int	Yards	Pass
Miami	259	144	55.6	2,235	21	159	2,076	17	6.6	511	12	4.6
Oakland	370	198	53.5	2,599	24	230	2,369	23	6.2	701	15	4.1
Cincinnati	384	219	57.0	2,513	24	192	2,321	10	2.6	651	11	2.9
Kansas City	384	217	56.5	2,335	34	297	2,038	20	5.2	44	20	5.2
Baltimore	381	203	53.3	2,593	25	210	2,293	15	3.9	631	12	3.1
Denver	384	201	52.3	2,900	38	266	2,634	19	4.9	60	23	6.0
New York Jets	347	172	49.6	2,930	17	153	2,777	21	6.1	831	22	6.3
San Diego	372	192	51.6	2,516	23	212	2,304	15	4.0	62	28	7.4
Pittsburgh	324	156	48.1	1,958	32	247	1,711	12	3.7	781	12	3.7
Buffalo	316	164	51.9	2,012	49	411	1,601	16	5.1	581	24	7.6
Cleveland	337	158	46.9	2,105	27	219	1,916	13	3.9	801	19	5.6
Houston	375	181	48.3	2,045	45	372	1,673	10	2.7	821	23	6.1
New England	412	198	48.1	2,579	44	452	2,127	10	2.4	62	28	6.8
Conference Total	4,650	2,403	---	31,260	403	3,420	27,840	201	---	831	249	---
Conference Average	357.7	184.8	51.7	2,404.6	31.0	263.1	2,141.5	15.5	4.3	---	19.2	5.4

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	Att	Comp	Pct	Gross	Yards	Net	Pct	Long	Had	Pct	Avg	Avg
			Comp	Yards	Tkd	Yards	TDs	TDs	Int	Int	Yards	Play
New York Giants	344	206	59.9	2,537	10	76	2,461	20	5.8	941	15	4.4
Washington	284	159	56.0	2,281	11	88	2,193	21	7.4	891	15	5.3
Minnesota	385	218	56.6	2,726	26	203	2,523	19	4.9	761	13	3.4
San Francisco	380	217	57.1	2,888	22	153	2,735	27	7.1	811	24	6.3
Detroit	305	155	50.8	2,283	26	149	2,134	19	6.2	821	18	5.9
Atlanta	296	157	53.0	2,202	41	283	1,919	13	4.4	571	15	5.1
Dallas	367	196	53.4	2,580	31	238	2,342	16	4.4	551	23	6.3
New Orleans	449	230	51.2	2,781	43	347	2,434	16	4.0	661	21	4.7
Green Bay	237	101	42.6	1,536	17	124	1,412	7	3.0	681	9	5.9
Los Angeles	371	184	49.6	2,282	16	136	2,146	13	3.5	571	22	5.9
Philadelphia	375	184	49.1	2,527	53	457	2,070	10	2.7	771	20	5.3
St. Louis	363	171	47.1	2,259	30	221	2,038	11	3.0	98	23	6.3
Chicago	205	78	38.0	1,283	32	175	1,108	9	4.4	851	13	6.3
Conference Total	4,361	2,256	---	30,165	358	2,650	27,515	203	---	98	231	---
Conference Average	335.5	173.5	51.7	2,320.4	27.5	203.8	2,116.5	15.6	4.7	---	17.8	5.3
League Total	9,011	4,659	---	61,425	761	6,070	55,355	404	---	98	480	---
League Average	346.6	179.2	51.7	2,362.5	29.3	233.5	2,129.0	15.5	4.5	---	18.5	5.3



Baltimore's Mad Stork, Ted Hendricks, fights off a blocker.

SCORING

AFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Bobby Howfield of the New York Jets with 121 points on 27 field goals and 40 extra points.

NFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Chester Marcol, Green Bay, led the NFL with 128 points on 33 field goals and 29 extra points.

AFC MOST TOUCHDOWNS - Emerson Boozer, New York Jets, 14 (11 rushing, 3 passing).

NFC MOST TOUCHDOWNS - Ron Johnson, New York Giants, 14 (9 rushing, 5 passing).

AFC MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN - George Blanda of Oakland, 44 in 44 attempts, both tops in the NFL. He has now led the League 7 times in this category, a league record.

NFC MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN - Bruce Gossett of San Francisco, with 41 in 42 attempts.

AFC MOST FIELD GOALS - Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh, 28 of 41 attempts.

NFC MOST FIELD GOALS - Chester Marcol, Green Bay, 33 of 48 attempts, both tops in the NFL.

AFC BEST ONE GAME PERFORMANCE - Horst Muhlmann of Cincinnati vs Houston, December 17th, 19 points (4 field goals and 7 extra points).

NFC BEST ONE GAME PERFORMANCE - Ron Johnson of the New York Giants vs Philadelphia, October 2nd, with 24 points on 4 touchdowns.

AFC TEAM LEADERS - Baltimore, Jim O'Brien, 75; Buffalo, John Leyboldt, 77; Cincinnati, Horst Muhlmann, 111; Cleveland, Don Cockroft, 94; Denver, Jim Turner, 97; Houston, Skip Butler, 51; Kansas City, Jan Stenerud, 95; Miami, Garo Yepremian, 115; New England, Carl Garrett, 30; New York Jets, Bobby Howfield, 121; Oakland, George Blanda, 95; Pittsburgh, Roy Gerela, 119; San Diego, Dennis Partee, 71.

NFC TEAM LEADERS - Atlanta, Bill Bell, 79; Chicago, Mac Percival, 62; Dallas, Tony Fritsch, 99; Detroit, Errol Mann, 98; Green Bay, Chester Marcol, 128; Los Angeles, David Ray, 103; Minnesota, Fred Cox, 97; New Orleans, Dan Abramowicz, 42; New York Giants, Pete Gogolak, 97; Philadelphia, Tom Dempsey, 71; St. Louis, Jim Bakken, 61; San Francisco, Bruce Gossett, 95; Washington, Curt Knight, 82.

AFC TEAM CHAMPION - Miami scored 385 points, best in the NFL. They also tied with Oakland to lead the NFL with 45 touchdowns.

NFC TEAM CHAMPION - San Francisco scored 353 points. They led the NFC with 43 touchdowns.

NFL TOP TEN SCORERS

	Tot TD				TD				Tot			
	TD	R	P	RB	XP	XPM	FG	FGA	Pts			
MARCOL, G.B.	0	0	0	0	29	0	33	48	128			
Howfield, N.Y.J.	0	0	0	0	40	1	27	37	121			
Gerela, Pitt.	0	0	0	0	35	1	28	41	119			
Yepremian, Mia.	0	0	0	0	43	2	24	37	115			
Muhlmann, Cin.	0	0	0	0	30	1	27	40	111			
Ray, L.A.	0	0	0	0	31	0	24	41	103			
Fritsch, Dall.	0	0	0	0	36	0	21	36	99			
Mann, Det.	0	0	0	0	38	1	20	29	98			
Cox, Minn.	0	0	0	0	34	0	21	33	97			
Gogolak, N.Y.G.	0	0	0	0	34	4	21	31	97			
Turner, J., Den.	0	0	0	0	37	0	20	29	97			

AFC - INDIVIDUAL

	Tot TD				TD				Tot			
	TD	R	P	RB	XP	XPM	FG	FGA	Pts			
HOWFIELD, N.Y.J.	0	0	0	0	40	1	27	37	121			
Gerela, Pitt.	0	0	0	0	35	1	28	41	119			
Yepremian, Mia.	0	0	0	0	43	2	24	37	115			
Muhlmann, Cin.	0	0	0	0	30	1	27	40	111			
Turner, J., Den.	0	0	0	0	37	0	20	29	97			
Blanda, Oak.	0	0	0	0	44	0	17	26	95			
Stenerud, K.C.	0	0	0	0	32	0	21	36	95			
Cockroft, Clev.	0	0	0	0	28	1	22	27	94			
Boozer, N.Y.J.	14	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	84			
Little, Den.	13	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	78			
Leyboldt, Buff.	0	0	0	0	29	1	16	24	77			
O'Brien, Balt.	2	0	2	0	24	0	13	31	75			
Morris, Mia.	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	72			
Partee, S.D.	0	0	0	0	26	2	15	25	71			
Harris, Pitt.	11	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	66			
Caster, N.Y.J.	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60			
Smith, Oak.	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	60			
Butler, S., Hou.	0	0	0	0	15	1	12	19	51			
Chester, Oak.	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48			
Pitts, Clev.	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48			
Riggins, N.Y.J.	8	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	48			

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

	Tot TD				TD				Tot			
	TD	R	P	RB	XP	XPM	FG	FGA	Pts			
MARCOL, G.B.	0	0	0	0	29	0	33	48	128			
Ray, L.A.	0	0	0	0	31	0	24	41	103			
Fritsch, Dall.	0	0	0	0	36	0	21	36	99			
Mann, Det.	0	0	0	0	38	1	20	29	98			
Cox, Minn.	0	0	0	0	34	0	21	33	97			
Gogolak, N.Y.G.	0	0	0	0	34	4	21	31	97			
Gossett, S.F.	0	0	0	0	41	1	18	29	95			
Johnson, Ren, N.Y.G.	14	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	84			
Knight, Wash.	0	0	0	0	40	1	16	30	82			
Bell, Atl.	0	0	0	0	31	0	16	30	79			
Brown, Wash.	12	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	72			
Washington, G., S.F.	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	72			
Dempsey, Phil.	0	0	0	0	11	1	20	35	71			
Percival, Chi.	0	0	0	0	26	0	12	24	62			
Bakken, St.L.	0	0	0	0	19	2	14	22	61			
Garrison, Dall.	10	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	60			
Malone, Atl.	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	60			
Brockington, G.B.	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	54			
Hill, Dall.	9	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	54			
Kwalick, S.F.	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	54			
Landry, Det.	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	54			

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AFC - INDIVIDUAL

	Tot										Tot
	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	
	R	P	RB	XP	XPM	FG	FGA				Pts
Bilinski, Oak.	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Bradshaw, Pitt.	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Drescher, Cin.	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Edwards, S.D.	7	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Garrett, S.D.	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Garrison, S.D.	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Braxton, Buff.	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Chonka, Mia.	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Davis, Oak.	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Havrilak, Balt.	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Johnson, E., Cin.	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Klick, Mia.	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Moses, Buff.-Den.	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Podolak, K.C.	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Simpson, Buff.	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Taylor, K.C.	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Chandler, B., Buff.	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Fraser, K.C.	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Garrett, N.E.	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Hill, Buff.	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Kelly, Clev.	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Lewis, Pitt.	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
McCauley, Balt.	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Phillips, Clev.	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Siani, Oak.	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Gogolak, N.E.	0	0	0	0	9	0	6	8	27		
Ashton, N.E.	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	24		
Briscoe, Mia.	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24		
Burroughs, Hou.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24		
Fugate, Pitt.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24		
Hubbard, Oak.	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24		
Kearney, K.C.	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	24		
Mitchell, T., Balt.	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24		
Walker, N.E.	0	0	0	0	15	0	2	8	21		
Anderson, Cin.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Dowling, N.E.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Hayes, K.C.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Mandich, Mia.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Masters, Den.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Myers, Cin.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Nottingham, Balt.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Parrish, Cin.	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	18		
Robinson, Hou.	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Rucker, N.E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Shanklin, Pitt.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Sherman, Den.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Twiley, Mia.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Warfield, Mia.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18		
West, K.C.	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	18		
Williams, S.D.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18		
Anderson, Den.	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Barkum, N.Y.J.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Bell, N.Y.J.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Brown, Clev.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Carter, Cin.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Dawkins, Den.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Dicus, S.D.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Hooker, Clev.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Joiner, Hou.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Lynch, Den.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Maynard, N.Y.J.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Mitchell, L., Balt.	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Pastorini, Hou.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Ramsey, Den.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Reynolds, T., N.E.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Rodgers, Hou.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Scott, R., Clev.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Simmons, Den.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Stowe, Mia.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Terver, N.E.	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Trumpy, Cin.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Vatsha, N.E.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
White, Buff.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Willis, Hou.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12		
McClard, S.D.	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	6	11		
Adame, K.C.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Anderson, Mia.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Banasak, Oak.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Beauchamp, S.D.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Betrne, Hou.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Bell, K.C.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Blount, Pitt.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Briggs, Clev.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Brown, L., Pitt.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Bulatch, Balt.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Carwell, N.E.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Casanova, Cin.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Costett, Cin.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Craig, Cin.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Curtis, Balt.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Davis, H., Pitt.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Davis, Steve, Pitt.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Dawson, Hou.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Domres, Balt.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		
Farasopoulos, N.Y.J.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6		
Fleming, Mia.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6		

SCORING (Continued)

	Tot										Tot
	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	
Brown, B., Minn.	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Douglass, Chi.	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Abramowski, N.O.	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Gilliam, Minn.	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Hampton, Atl.	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Smith, Wash.	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Taylor, C., Wash.	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Anderson, St.L.	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Bertelsen, L.A.	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Ellison, L.A.	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Haraway, Wash.	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Parks, S.F.	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Taylor, Det.	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Walton, L., Det.	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Burrow, Atl.	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Evans, N.Y.G.	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Herrmann, N.Y.G.	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Hunter, G.B.	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Sellers, Dall.	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Tucker, N.Y.G.	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Washington, W., S.F.	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Willard, S.F.	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Feller, N.O.	0	0	0	0	10	1	6	11	28		
Jackson, Phil.	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Jessie, Det.	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Mitchell, Atl.	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Owens, Det.	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Roland, St.L.	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Snow, L.A.	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Thomas, Chi.	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Durkee, N.O.	0	0	0	0	9	0	3	9	18		
Farr, Det.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Gresham, N.O.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Harrison, Chi.	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Houston, N.Y.G.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Jefferson, Wash.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Lane, G.B.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Montgomery, Dall.	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Moore, St.L.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Osborn, Minn.	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Plinder, Chi.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Schreiber, S.F.	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Smith, L.A.	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Thomas, L.A.	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Vanderbunt, S.F.	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Alworth, Dall.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Berry, Atl.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Brundt, Wash.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Burns, St.L.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Butler, N.O.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Carmichael, Phil.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Ellis, G.B.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Farmer, Chi.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Gillette, St.L.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Henderson, Minn.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Jones, Minn.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Kraus, Minn.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Manning, N.O.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
McGeorge, G.B.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Morton, Dall.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Newland, N.O.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Orduna, N.Y.G.	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Reed, Minn.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Rentel, L.A.	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Sanders, C., Det.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Smith, St.L.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Staggers, G.B.	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Thompson, St.L.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Voigt, Minn.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Washington, Minn.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Linhart, N.O.	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	5	11		
Malinchak, Wash.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Sweet, L.A.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Barnes, Det.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Bass, Wash.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Becker, Minn.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Biggs, Wash.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Brodie, S.F.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Brown, N.O.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Brupbacher, Chi.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Bryant, Minn.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Buchard, G.B.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Chesson, Atl.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Cotton, Det.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Dale, G.B.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Davis, G.B.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Ditka, Dall.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Eddy, Det.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Fleet, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Gabriel, L.A.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Glass, G.B.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Gordon, L.A.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Grim, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Hambur, Wash.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Hawkins, Phil.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Hayden, St.L.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	

AFC - INDIVIDUAL

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

SCORING (Continued)

Tot										Tot													
TD	TD	TD	TD	R	P	RB	XP	XPM	FG	FGA	Pts	TD	TD	TD	TD	R	P	RB	XP	XPM	FG	FGA	Pts
Ginn, Mia.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Hilgenberg, Minn.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Greene, Buff.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Hilton, Det.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Greer, Den.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Howard, L.A.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Griese, Mia.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Isenbarger, S.F.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hadi, S.D.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Jackson, N.O.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Ham, Pitt.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	James, Phil.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Higsmith, Oak.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Johnson, Ran., N.Y.G.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hinton, E., Balt.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Josephson, L.A.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Homan, K.C.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Klein, L.A.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Jackson, Buff.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Kosins, Chi.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kinney, K.C.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Kramer, Phil.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Lee, Buff.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Lawson, Chi.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Matte, Balt.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Lockhart, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Mauck, S.D.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Love, L.A.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
McMakin, Pitt.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Marinaro, Minn.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Montgomery, R., Den.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	McCulloch, Det.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Moore, Oak.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Mul-Key, Wash.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Morin, Clev.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Neal, N.O.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Morrall, Mia.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Newhouse, Dall.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Mullins, Pitt.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Niland, Dall.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Mumphord, Mia.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Nobis, Atl.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Munsey, Balt.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Parks, Dall.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Odums, Den.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Parsons, Chi.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Patrick, Buff.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Reaves, Phil.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Phillips, Cin.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Redmond, Det.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Plunkett, N.E.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Riley, S.F.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Rasmussen, N.Y.J.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Seymour, Chi.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Roman, Clev.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Shy, Chi.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Scott, C., Clev.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Simpson, S.F.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Staroba, Clev.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Smith, Chi.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Stewart, N.Y.J.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Tagge, G.B.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Stroud, K.C.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Thomas, S.F.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Tatum, Oak.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Thompson, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Taylor, S.D.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Walk, Phil.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Thomas, Cin.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Waters, Dall.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
VanHeusen, Den.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Watkins, Phil.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Villapiano, Oak.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Williams, C., G.B.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Walsh, Hou.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Witcher, S.F.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Windsor, N.E.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Wyatt, N.O.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Wyatt, Buff.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	Zook, Atl.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Moseley, Hou.	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	5			Burkus, Chi.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Shlapak, Balt.	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	8	4			Zofko, Det.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	

SAFETIES: White, Cin.; Anderson, Pitt.; Costa, D., S.D.

SAFETIES: Dallas, Team; Humphrey & Lewis, Atl.; Washington, Dall.; Brown, B., G.B.; Sweet, L.A.; Owens, N.O.; Coleman, Phil.; Malinchak, Wash.

Leader based on most points scored

* - Includes safety

1972 SCORING - TEAM

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

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Tot										Tot													
Team	TDs	RB	P	RT	TDs	XP	XPM	FG	FGA	Sd	Total	Team	TDs	RB	P	RT	TDs	XP	XPM	FG	FGA	Sd	Total
Miami	41	26	17	2	41	2	24	17	6	83	San Francisco	43	11	27	5	41	2	18	29	0	151		
New York Jets	41	18	21	2	40	1	17	17	6	81	Detroit	40	20	14	1	19	2	18	29	0	139		
Oakland	40	28	23	2	44	1	17	26	6	80	Washington	42	17	21	4	40	2	14	30	1	136		
Pittsburgh	37	22	12	3	35	2	28	41	1	78	New York Giants	39	16	20	9	34	5	21	31	0	131		
Denver	36	17	19	2	37	1	29	29	0	75	Dallas	36	17	16	1	36	0	21	36	2	119		
Cincinnati	31	16	10	5	30	1	27	48	1	74	Green Bay	29	17	13	5	29	0	33	48	1	104		
Kansas City	32	6	20	6	32	0	21	36	0	69	Minnesota	34	11	19	4	34	0	21	36	2	101		
Cleveland	29	13	13	6	28	1	22	27	0	68	Los Angeles	31	17	11	1	31	0	24	41	1	98		
San Diego	30	12	15	1	32	2	18	31	1	64	Atlanta	31	16	11	2	31	0	36	30	2	96		
Buffalo	30	11	16	3	29	1	16	24	0	63	Chicago	27	15	13	1	27	0	31	36	0	88		
Baltimore	28	18	15	3	28	0	13	19	0	62	New Orleans	26	5	18	3	24	2	11	25	1	81		
New England	26	13	18	1	24	0	8	16	0	58	St. Louis	22	9	11	1	19	1	14	22	0	73		
Houston	18	7	10	1	17	1	13	21	0	44	Philadelphia	12	2	10	0	11	1	20	19	1	40		
Conference Total	428	191	201	36	415	13	254	404	1	1,761	Conference Total	412	173	203	36	396	16	245	431	9	1,421		
Conference Average	12.9	16.7	15.5	2.8	31.9	1.0	19.5	31.1	0.2	288.5	Conference Average	31.7	13.3	15.6	2.8	36.5	1.2	14.8	31.8	0.7	278.7		
League Total										840	364	404	72	817	29	699	817	2	7,372				
League Average										12.3	14.0	15.5	2.8	31.2	1.2	14.9	31.4	0.5	288.0				

PASS RECEIVING

AFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Fred Biletnikoff of Oakland with 58 receptions. He was the conference leader last year. Don Maynard, New York Jets, caught 29 passes and now has a career total of 632, a new NFL record. He surpassed Raymond Berry, Baltimore, who had 631.

NFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Harold Jackson, Philadelphia, had the most receptions in the NFL, 62.

AFC MOST YARDS GAINED - Rich Caster, New York Jets, gained 833 yards with 35 receptions.

NFC MOST YARDS GAINED - Harold Jackson of Philadelphia had 1,048 yards, best in the NFL. John Gilliam, Minnesota, gained 1,035 yards, the only other player to go over the 1,000 mark.

AFC MOST TOUCHDOWNS - Rich Caster of the New York Jets had 10.

NFC MOST TOUCHDOWNS - Gene Washington of San Francisco had 12, most in the NFL.

AFC HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN - On the basis of 35 or more receptions, Rich Caster, New York Jets, averaged 21.4 yards per catch.

NFC HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN - John Gilliam of Minnesota with 22.0 yards per catch had the best average in the NFL.

AFC BEST ONE GAME PERFORMANCE - Gary Garrison of San Diego had 10 receptions for 156 yards and a TD against Denver on December 10th. Other 10-catch performances were by Fred Biletnikoff, Oakland, and Otis Taylor, Kansas City.

NFC BEST ONE GAME PERFORMANCE - Harold Jackson, Philadelphia, twice caught 9 passes in a game. His 9 receptions for 161 yards against Dallas on September 17th was his best effort. Jim Bertelsen, Los Angeles, and Ed Marinaro, Minnesota, also had 9-catch performances.

AFC LONGEST RECEPTION - Eddie Bell of the New York Jets caught an 83-yard touchdown pass from Joe Namath against Baltimore on October 22nd.

NFC LONGEST RECEPTION - Bobby Moore, St. Louis, had a 98 yard reception from Jim Hart vs Los Angeles on December 10th. It was the longest non-touchdown pass completion in NFL history.

AFC TEAM LEADERS - Baltimore, Tom Mitchell, 46; Buffalo, J.D. Hill, 52; Cincinnati, Chip Myers, 57; Cleveland, Frank Pitts, 36; Denver, Rod Sherman, 38; Houston, Fred Willis, 45; Kansas City, Otis Taylor, 57; Miami, Paul Warfield, 29; New England, Reggie Rucker, 34; New York Jets, Rich Caster, 39; Oakland, Fred Biletnikoff, 58; Pittsburgh, Ron Shanklin, 38; San Diego, Gary Garrison, 52.

NFC TEAM LEADERS - Atlanta, Art Malone, 50; Chicago, Earl Thomas, 20; Dallas, Calvin Hill, 43; Detroit, Albie Taylor, 29; Green Bay, MacArthur Lane, 26; Los Angeles, Jack Snow, 30; Minnesota, John Gilliam, 47; New Orleans, Bob Newland, 47; New York Giants, Bob Tucker, 55; Philadelphia, Harold Jackson, 62; St. Louis, Johnny Roland, 38; San Francisco, Gene Washington, 46; Washington, Charley Taylor, 49.

NFL TOP TEN PASS RECEIVERS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
JACKSON, PHIL.	62	1048	16.9	77t	4
Biletnikoff, Oak.	58	802	13.8	39t	7
Taylor, K.C.	57	821	14.4	44	6
Myers, Cin.	57	792	13.9	42	3
Tucker, N.Y.G.	55	764	13.9	39	4
Hill, Buff.	52	754	14.5	58t	5
Garrison, S.D.	52	744	14.3	52t	7
Malone, Atl.	50	585	11.7	57t	2
Taylor, C., Wash.	49	673	13.7	70t	7
Gilliam, Minn.	47	1035	22.0	66t	7
Newland, N.O.	47	579	12.3	42t	2

AFC - INDIVIDUAL

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
BILETNIKOFF, OAK.	58	802	13.8	39t	7
Taylor, K.C.	57	821	14.4	44	6
Myers, Cin.	57	792	13.9	42	3
Hill, Buff.	52	754	14.5	58t	5
Garrison, S.D.	52	744	14.3	52t	7
Podolak, K.G.	46	345	7.5	27t	2
Rucker, W.E.	45	297	6.6	27	2
Willis, Cin.-Hou.	44	681	15.5	62	3
Edwards, S.D.	44	500	11.4	38	2
Edwards, S.D.	40	557	13.9	61	2
Mitchell, T., Balt.	40	494	12.4	34	4
Caster, N.Y.J.	39	833	21.4	80t	10
Dresler, Cin.	39	348	8.9	33	1
Shanklin, Pitt.	38	659	17.4	57	1
Sherman, Den.	38	661	17.4	55	1
Pitts, Cleve.	36	620	17.2	80t	8
Bell, N.Y.J.	35	629	18.0	83t	2
Chester, Oak.	34	576	16.9	88t	8
Havrilak, Balt.	33	571	17.3	62t	4
Chandler, B., Buff.	33	528	16.0	41t	5
Windoor, N.E.	33	363	11.6	24	1
Hooker, Cleve.	32	441	13.8	43	2

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
JACKSON, PHIL.	62	1048	16.9	77t	4
Tucker, N.Y.G.	55	764	13.9	39	4
Malone, Atl.	50	585	11.7	57t	2
Taylor, C., Wash.	49	673	13.7	70t	7
Gilliam, Minn.	47	1035	22.0	66t	7
Newland, N.O.	47	579	12.3	42t	2
Johnson, Rom, N.Y.G.	45	451	10.0	39	5
Washington, Va., S.F.	43	393	9.1	33	1
Hill, Dall.	43	364	8.5	33t	3
Kwalick, S.F.	40	751	18.8	81t	6
Abramowitz, N.O.	38	648	17.6	51t	7
Garrison, Dall.	37	390	10.5	26t	3
Jefferson, Wash.	35	550	15.7	45t	3
Gillette, St. L.	33	550	16.7	65t	2
Parks, N.O.	32	542	16.9	66t	6
Brown, Wash.	32	473	14.8	89t	4
Sellers, Dall.	31	653	21.1	55t	5
Schreiber, S.F.	31	283	9.1	64t	1
Snow, L.A.	30	590	19.7	57t	4
Hawkins, Phil.	30	512	17.1	67t	1

AFC - INDIVIDUAL

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

PASS RECEIVING (Continued)

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Hayes, K.C.	31	295	9.5	291	3
Carrett, S.D.	31	245	7.9	37	1
Morin, Cleve.	30	540	18.0	32	1
Garrett, N.E.	30	410	13.7	43	0
Smith, Pitt.-Hou.	30	316	10.5	25	0
McCauley, Balt.	30	256	8.5	34	2
Marfield, Minn.	29	606	20.9	47	5
Maynard, N.Y.J.	29	519	17.8	41	3
Johnson, E. Chi.	29	420	14.5	65	2
Siani, Oak.	28	496	17.7	70	5
Little, Den.	28	367	13.1	40	4
Smith, Oak.	28	353	12.6	43	2
Dewis, Pitt.	27	391	14.5	52	5
Simpton, Buff.	27	388	14.4	25	0
Burroughs, Hou.	26	521	20.0	89	2
Masters, Den.	25	393	15.7	27	1
Vatava, N.E.	25	369	14.8	44	2
Nottingham, Balt.	25	191	7.6	27	0
Joiner, Hou.-Cin.	24	439	18.3	82	2
Braxton, Buff.	24	232	9.7	25	1
Anderson, Den.	23	215	9.3	40	1
Kelly, Cleve.	23	168	7.3	28	1
Scott, K., Cleve.	23	172	7.5	30	1
Ashton, N.E.	22	207	9.4	24	1
Hubbard, Oak.	22	103	4.7	21	0
Odons, Den.	21	320	15.2	48	1
McMakin, Pitt.	21	277	13.2	78	1
Higgins, N.Y.J.	21	230	11.0	67	1
Harris, Pitt.	21	168	8.0	28	1
Kick, M., Cleve.	21	147	7.0	15	1
Tweilley, Mia.	20	364	18.2	44	3
Norman, S.D.	19	262	13.8	30	0
Reed, Hou.	19	251	13.2	29	0
Gladioux, N.E.	19	192	10.1	31	0
Moses, Buff.-Den.	18	284	15.8	33	6
Dawkins, Den.	18	249	13.8	60	0
Dicus, S.D.	18	227	12.6	46	2
Fuqua, Pitt.	18	152	8.4	28	0
Mitchell, L., Balt.	18	147	8.2	26	1
Simmons, Den.	17	235	13.8	35	2
Thomas, Cin.	17	171	10.1	18	1
Barkum, N.Y.J.	16	304	19.0	52	2
Briscow, Mia.	16	279	17.4	51	4
Morris, Mia.	15	146	11.2	34	1
Adams, K.C.	15	76	5.1	11	0
Granger, Hou.	15	74	4.9	20	0
Williams, S.D.	14	315	22.5	62	3
Matter, Balt.	14	182	13.0	43	1
Robinson, Hou.	14	112	8.0	24	0
Spew, Mia.	13	176	13.5	49	2
Frazier, K.C.	13	137	10.5	21	1
Fleming, Mia.	13	156	12.0	31	1
White, Buff.	12	148	12.3	18	2
Homan, K.C.	12	135	11.3	38	1
Otis, K.C.	12	76	6.3	13	0
O'Brien, Balt.	11	263	23.9	44	2
Mandich, Mia.	11	168	15.3	39	3
Hinton, E., Balt.	11	146	13.3	63	1
Booster, N.Y.J.	11	142	12.9	46	3
Tarver, N.E.	11	112	10.2	22	1
Mackey, S.D.	11	110	10.0	21	0
Wright, K.C.	11	81	7.4	14	0
Pearson, Pitt.	11	79	7.2	15	0
Phillips, Cin.	10	82	8.2	15	0
West, K.C.	9	165	18.3	42	2
Harkey, N.Y.J.	9	114	12.7	24	0
Banaszak, Oak.	9	63	7.0	16	0
Bulaich, Balt.	9	55	6.1	10	0
Reynolds, T., N.E.	8	152	19.0	36	2
Spreyer, Balt.	8	114	14.3	21	0
Davis, Oak.	8	82	10.3	26	0
Patrick, Buff.	8	42	5.3	10	1
Belme, Hou.	7	95	13.6	19	1
Lynch, Den.	7	75	10.7	17	0
McClain, N.Y.J.	6	88	14.7	44	0
Young, Pitt.	6	86	14.3	33	0
Dawson, Hou.	6	78	13.0	20	1
Rodgers, Oak.	6	61	10.2	15	0
Moore, Oak.	6	49	8.2	17	1
Holmes, R., Hou.	6	32	5.3	13	0
Johnson, A., Hou.	6	24	4.0	16	0
Brown, Cleve.	5	64	12.8	19	0
Glass, Cleve.	5	61	12.2	24	0
Consett, Cin.	5	48	9.6	14	1
Cosma, Mia.	5	48	9.6	14	0
Kreig, Den.	4	99	24.8	17	0
Stroud, K.C.	4	80	20.0	44	1
VanHeusen, Den.	4	59	14.8	25	0
Bjorklund, N.Y.J.	4	54	13.5	35	0
Kenny, K.C.	4	45	11.3	19	0
Maitland, N.E.	4	33	8.3	5	0
Walsh, Hou.	4	22	5.5	16	0
Bynch, Oak.	3	41	13.7	19	0
Doughty, Balt.	3	31	10.3	19	0
White, L., S.D.	3	20	6.7	8	0
Beer, N.E.	2	40	20.0	21	0
Hydumish, Oak.	2	36	18.0	22	0
Stewart, N.Y.J.	2	26	13.0	22	0
Carter, S.D.	2	24	12.0	14	0
Jankowski, K.C.	2	24	12.0	18	0
Jackson, Buff.	2	21	10.5	13	1

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Reed, Minn.	30	295	9.8	37	0
Moore, S.D.	29	500	17.2	98	3
Burrow, Atl.	29	472	17.0	40	3
Bertelsen, L.A.	29	331	11.4	22	1
Klein, L.A.	29	330	11.4	26	1
Taylor, Det.	29	250	8.6	40	2
Gresham, N.O.	29	192	6.6	54	0
Mitchell, Atl.	28	470	16.8	40	4
Herrmann, N.Y.J.	28	422	15.1	31	5
Anderson, St.L.	28	298	10.6	56	2
Beasley, Minn.	28	232	8.3	18	1
Marinaro, Minn.	28	218	7.8	18	1
Houston, N.Y.G.	27	468	17.3	94	3
Sanders, C., Det.	27	416	15.4	38	2
Rantzel, L.A.	27	365	13.5	40	1
Smith, St.L.	26	407	15.7	21	2
Lane, G.B.	26	285	11.0	49	0
Evans, N.Y.G.	26	182	7.0	18	1
Butler, N.O.	25	226	9.0	21	2
Walton, L., Det.	24	485	20.2	48	6
Jessie, Det.	24	424	17.7	82	4
Willard, S.F.	24	131	5.5	15	1
Hampson, Atl.	24	104	10.6	43	1
Ellison, L.A.	23	141	6.1	39	0
Brown, B., Minn.	22	298	13.5	76	4
Smith, Wash.	21	353	16.8	34	7
Thomas, Chi.	20	365	18.3	44	1
Carmichael, Phil.	20	276	13.8	54	2
Osborn, Minn.	20	166	8.3	18	1
James, Phil.	20	156	7.8	35	1
Brookington, G.B.	19	243	12.8	40	6
Chesson, Atl.	18	338	18.8	46	1
Parks, Dall.	18	298	16.6	38	1
Washington, Minn.	18	259	14.4	39	2
Dale, Dall.	17	198	11.6	26	1
Dike, G.B.	16	317	19.8	48	1
Williams, L., N.O.	16	160	10.0	32	0
Baker, Phil.	16	117	7.3	15	0
Glass, G.B.	15	261	17.4	31	1
Hayes, Dall.	15	200	13.3	29	0
Alworth, Dall.	15	195	13.0	30	2
Smith, L.A.	15	186	12.4	47	1
Thomas, S.F.	15	148	9.9	29	0
Halway, Wash.	15	105	7.0	24	0
Owens, Det.	15	108	7.2	15	0
Farmer, Chi.	14	389	27.1	65	2
Josephson, L.A.	14	170	12.1	34	1
Strong, N.O.	14	123	8.8	16	0
Kramer, Phil.	11	176	16.0	29	1
Brown, N.O.	11	175	15.9	34	1
Riley, S.F.	11	156	14.2	28	1
Thomas, L.A.	11	95	8.6	15	0
Henderson, Minn.	10	190	19.0	70	2
Seymour, Chi.	10	165	16.5	35	1
Farr, Det.	10	132	13.2	42	0
Shy, Chi.	10	109	10.9	28	0
Ballman, Phil.	9	183	20.3	43	0
Clements, N.Y.G.	9	118	13.1	39	0
Adkins, N.O.	9	86	9.6	10	0
Montgomery, Dall.	8	131	16.4	46	1
Cotton, Det.	8	129	16.1	35	1
Staggars, G.B.	8	123	15.4	46	1
Lawson, Chi.	8	120	15.0	40	0
Harrison, Chi.	8	30	3.8	20	1
Fugett, Dall.	7	94	13.4	29	0
Green, N.O.	7	49	7.0	15	0
Voigt, Minn.	6	50	8.3	14	1
Jones, Minn.	6	42	7.0	10	0
Burns, St.L.	6	24	4.0	12	0
Watkins, Phil.	6	2	-0.3	4	0
Hilton, Det.	5	133	26.6	66	1
McCulloch, Det.	5	96	19.2	35	1
Grim, N.Y.G.	5	67	13.4	17	1
Morrison, N.Y.G.	5	39	7.8	13	0
Bailey, Phil.	5	32	6.4	9	0
Davis, G.B.	4	119	29.8	68	1
Garrett, G.B.	4	66	16.5	21	0
Mul-Key, Wash.	4	66	16.5	28	0
Barnes, Det.	4	58	14.5	17	1
McGeorge, G.B.	4	50	12.5	23	2
Truax, Dall.	4	49	12.3	18	0
Sullivan, Phil.	4	17	4.3	7	0
Orduna, N.Y.G.	4	6	1.5	6	1
Turner, Chi.	3	71	23.7	36	0
Leiberg, S.F.	3	66	22.0	33	1
Gray, St.L.	3	62	20.7	33	0
Gordon, L.A.	3	29	9.7	17	1
Lindsey, Minn.	3	28	9.3	13	0
Proffit, Atl.	3	22	7.3	14	0
Witcher, S.F.	3	22	7.3	17	1
Kapay, B.	3	19	6.3	3	0
Alston, Wash.	2	34	17.0	36	0
Eddy, Det.	2	46	23.0	36	1
Hyatt, St.L.	2	32	16.0	25	0
Sweet, L.A.	2	26	13.0	17	1
Harmon, N.Y.G.	2	20	10.0	12	0
Kozins, Chi.	2	15	7.5	9	1
Zafro, Atl.	2	14	7.0	17	0
Nitschke, G.B.	2	34	17.0	36	0
Beasley, S.F.	1	20	20.0	20	0
Shivers, St.L.	1	20	20.0	20	0

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	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Cornell, Clev.	2	7	3.5	5	0
Mosier, Balt.	1	53	53.0	53	0
Ginn, Mia.	1	23	23.0	23	0
Allen, K.C.	1	20	20.0	20	0
Staroba, Clev.	1	19	19.0	19	1
Harrison, Buff.	1	16	16.0	16	0
Brown, L., Pitt.	1	13	13.0	13t	1
Turner, C., Den.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Koy, Buff.	1	9	9.0	9	0
LeVias, S.D.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Richardson, Clev.	1	7	7.0	7	0
Bankston, Pitt.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Baie, Cin.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Davis, Steve, Pitt.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Hadi, S.D.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Washington, Buff.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Mullins, Pitt.	1	3	3.0	3t	1

t = Touchdown L = Lateral
Leader based on most passes caught

PASS RECEIVING (Continued)

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Lammons, G.B.	1	19	19.0	19	0
Love, L.A.	1	19	19.0	19t	1
Snyder, Atl.	1	19	19.0	19	0
Jarvis, Atl.	1	18	18.0	18	0
Hayden, St.L.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Walik, Phil.	1	15	15.0	15t	1
Ray, Atl.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Pinder, Chi.	1	13	13.0	13	0
Baynham, St.L.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Lamb, Atl.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Ford, N.O.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Wallace, Chi.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Brunst, Wash.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Butler, St.L.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Newhouse, Dall.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Wicks, St.L.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Parsons, Chi.	1	6	6.0	6t	1
Whitaker, N.O.	1	6	6.0	6	0
Woodschick, St.L.	1	2	2.0	2	0
White, Minn.	0	3	---	3L	0
Belton, Atl.	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Berry, Atl.	1	-9	-9.0	-9	0



Miami's Mercury Morris elbowed by a Colt.

INTERCEPTIONS

AFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Mike Sensibaugh, Kansas City, with 8.

NFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Bill Bradley of Philadelphia repeated as the top interceptor in the NFL with 9.

AFC MOST TOUCHDOWNS ON INTERCEPTIONS - Jim Kearney, Kansas City, had 4 TDs, including two on October 1 against Denver. His four touchdowns tied the record set last year by Ken Houston of Houston.

NFC MOST TOUCHDOWNS ON INTERCEPTIONS - Skip Vanderbunt of San Francisco had 2 TDs.

AFC MOST YARDS RETURNED - Jim Kearney, Kansas City, had 192 yards on five interceptions.

NFC MOST YARDS RETURNED - Jim Nettles, Los Angeles, had 168 yards on six interceptions.

AFC LONGEST RETURN - Phil Villapiano of Oakland went 82 yards for a TD vs Los Angeles on October 29th.

NFC LONGEST RETURN - Rudy Redmond, Detroit, had an 88 yard return for a TD against Los Angeles on December 17th.

AFC TEAM LEADERS - Baltimore, Charlie Stukes, 5; Buffalo, Ken Lee, 6; Cincinnati, Tommy Casanova and Lemar Parrish, each 5; Cleveland, Tom Darden and Ben Davis, each 3; Denver, Leroy Mitchell, 3; Houston, Bob Atkins and John Charles, 2 each; Kansas City, Mike Sensibaugh, 8; Miami, Jake Scott, 5; New England, Honor Jackson, 4; New York Jets, Steve Tannen, 7; Oakland, Jack Tatum, Nemiah Wilson, George Atkinson and Willie Brown, each 4; Pittsburgh, Jack Ham, 7; San Diego, Bryant Salter, 7.

NFC TEAM LEADERS - Atlanta, Tom Hayes, 3; Chicago, Charlie Ford, 7; Dallas, Charlie Waters, 6; Detroit, Lem Barney, 3; Green Bay, Ken Ellis, Willie Buchanan and Jim Hill, each 3; Los Angeles, Jim Nettles, 6; Minnesota, Paul Krause, 6; New Orleans, Rivan Lee, 4; New York Giants, Pete Athas, Richmond Flowers, Spider Lockhart and Willie Williams, each 4; Philadelphia, Bill Bradley, 9; St. Louis, Miller Farr and Larry Wilson, each 3; San Francisco, Jimmy Johnson, 4; Washington, Pat Fischer and Chris Hanburger, each, 4.

AFC TEAM CHAMPION - Pittsburgh with 29, best in the NFL. Kansas City had 5 TDs which was the most in the League.

NFC TEAM CHAMPION - Minnesota with 26.

NFL TOP TEN INTERCEPTORS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
BRADLEY, PHIL.	9	73	8.1	21	0
Sensibaugh, K.C.	8	65	8.1	35	0
Tannen, N.Y.J.	7	125	17.9	32	0
Salter, S.D.	7	111	15.9	31	0
Ford, Chi.	7	104	14.9	43	0
Ham, Pitt.	7	83	11.9	32t	1
Nettles, L.A.	6	168	28.0	43	0
Lee, Buff.	6	155	25.8	61	1
Waters, Dall.	6	132	22.0	56	1
Krause, Minn.	6	109	18.2	35	1
Beauchamp, S.D.	6	96	16.0	47t	1
Wagner, Pitt.	6	77	12.8	35	0

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Salter, S.D.	7	111	15.9	31	0
Ham, Pitt.	7	83	11.9	32t	1
Lee, Buff.	6	155	25.8	61	1
Beauchamp, S.D.	6	96	16.0	47t	1
Wagner, Pitt.	6	77	12.8	35	0
Kearney, K.C.	5	192	38.4	65t	4
Casanova, Cin.	5	108	21.6	33	0
Parrish, Cin.	5	90	18.0	33t	0
Scott, Mia.	5	73	14.6	31	0
Dunlap, S.D.	5	67	13.4	25	0
Stukes, Balt.	5	23	4.6	11	0
Jackson, N.E.	4	133	33.3	55	0
Tatum, Oak.	4	91	22.8	56	0
Voik, Balt.	4	84	21.5	23	0
Curtis, Balt.	4	74	18.5	33	1
Tyler, Buff.	4	61	15.3	27	0
Wyatt, Buff.	4	52	13.0	49t	1
Mumphord, Mia.	4	50	12.5	28t	1
Wilson, Oak.	4	48	12.0	32	0
Logan, Balt.	4	47	11.8	29	0
Atkinson, Oak.	4	37	9.3	23	0
Rowser, Pitt.	4	30	7.5	23	0
Brown, W., Oak.	4	26	6.5	13	0
Villapiano, Oak.	3	97	32.3	82t	1
Blount, Pitt.	3	75	25.0	34	0

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
BRADLEY, PHIL.	9	73	8.1	21	0
Ford, Chi.	7	104	14.9	43	0
Waters, Dall.	6	148	24.6	43	0
Krause, Minn.	6	109	18.2	35	1
Hayes, Atl.	5	10	2.0	8	0
Ellis, G.B.	4	104	26.5	40	1
Hanburger, Wash.	4	98	24.5	41t	1
Williams, Minn.	4	82	20.5	34	0
Lee, N.O.	4	65	16.3	32	0
Buchanan, G.B.	4	62	15.5	26	0
Fischer, Wash.	4	61	15.3	35	0
Athas, N.Y.G.	4	56	14.0	29t	1
Lockhart, N.Y.G.	4	42	10.5	18	0
Williams, N.Y.G.	4	37	9.3	21	0
Hill, G.B.	4	30	7.5	20	0
Johnson, S.F.	4	18	4.5	15	0
Taylor, Chi.	4	11	2.8	9	0
Barney, Det.	3	88	29.3	64	0
Nobis, Atl.	3	74	24.7	37	1
Reaves, Atl.	3	59	19.7	28	0
Winston, Minn.	3	55	18.5	23	0
Base, Wash.	3	53	17.7	29	0
Jackson, N.O.	3	41	13.7	31	0
Harris, Dall.	3	40	13.3	23	0
Wilson, St.L.	3	35	11.7	24	0

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INTERCEPTIONS (Continued)

Interceptions (Continued)					Interceptions (Continued)						
No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs		
Anderson, Pitt.	3	68	22.7	41	0	Elmendorf, L.A.	3	29	9.7	15	0
Darden, Cleve.	3	64	21.3	20	0	Howard, L.A.	3	26	8.7	24	1
Bell, K.C.	3	56	18.7	41	1	Farr, St.L.	3	21	7.0	21	0
Greene, Buff.	3	45	15.0	39	1	Ramsey, Phil.	3	14	4.7	10	0
Harris, N.E.	3	45	15.0	32	0	Ellis, Atl.	3	13	4.3	13	0
Adams, Cin.	3	44	14.7	19	0	Wilcox, S.F.	3	12	4.0	9	0
Anderson, Mia.	3	34	11.3	12	0	West, Minn.	3	7	2.3	8	0
Mitchell, Den.	3	27	9.0	27	0	Myers, N.O.	3	0	0.0	0	0
Foley, Mia.	3	25	8.3	15	0	Redmond, Det.	2	91	45.5	88	1
Johnson, Mia.	3	20	6.7	13	0	Vanderbundt, S.F.	2	58	29.0	37	2
Davis, Cleve.	3	10	3.3	10	0	Lyle, Chi.	2	52	26.0	35	0
Swift, Mia.	3	5	1.7	4	0	Brown, Atl.	2	46	23.0	46	0
Riley, Cin.	3	0	0.0	0	0	Files, N.Y.G.	2	46	23.0	37	1
Craig, Cin.	2	76	38.0	43	1	Simpson, S.F.	2	32	16.0	32	1
Fantopoulos, N.Y.J.	2	48	24.0	25	0	Wright, J., Minn.	2	31	15.5	31	0
Thomas, K.C.	2	46	23.0	26	0	McGill, St.L.	2	28	14.0	26	0
May, Balt.	2	43	21.5	37	0	Kassulke, Minn.	2	25	12.5	22	0
Atkins, Hou.	2	37	18.5	34	0	Siemon, Minn.	2	23	11.5	23	0
Davis, H., Pitt.	2	32	16.0	28	0	McIntosh, Wash.	2	22	11.0	19	0
Marsalis, K.C.	2	20	10.0	19	0	Boutek, Chi.	2	19	9.5	14	0
Greer, Den.	2	18	9.0	17	0	Jordan, Dall.	2	18	9.0	12	0
Irons, Oak.	2	18	9.0	11	0	Roussel, N.O.	2	15	7.5	11	0
Buoniconiti, Mia.	2	17	8.5	10	0	Porter, Phil.	2	10	5.0	7	0
Beatty, Pitt.	2	16	8.0	16	0	Robinson, G.B.	2	10	5.0	7	0
Sewells, N.Y.J.	2	14	7.0	14	0	Wright, N., Minn.	2	10	5.0	10	0
Hendricks, Balt.	2	13	6.5	13	0	Matthews, G.B.	2	8	4.0	8	0
Graham, Den.	2	10	5.0	7	0	McKee, L.A.	2	8	4.0	8	0
Balich, S.D.	2	9	4.5	9	0	Hughes, N.Y.G.	2	4	2.0	3	0
Charles, Hou.	2	6	3.0	6	0	Taylor, S.F.	2	4	2.0	2	0
Lanier, K.C.	2	2	1.0	2	0	Green, Dall.	2	1	0.5	1	0
Baker, N.Y.J.	2	0	0.0	0	0	Rasmussen, Det.	2	1	0.5	1	0
Hicks, N.Y.J.	1	43	43.0	43	0	Jeter, Chi.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Farley, Buff.	1	42	42.0	42	0	Keyes, Phil.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Roman, Cleve.	1	36	36.0	36	1	Locci, Det.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Johnson, B., Hou.	1	34	34.0	34	0	Dunting, Phil.	1	45	45.0	45	0
Laird, Balt.	1	31	31.0	31	0	Victor, Wash.	1	28	28.0	28	0
Freese, Den.	1	30	30.0	30	0	Hackbart, St.L.	1	22	22.0	22	0
Hoey, N.E.	1	25	25.0	25	0	Clark, L.A.	1	18	18.0	18	0
Holloman, N.Y.J.	1	25	25.0	25	0	Hilgenberg, Minn.	1	17	17.0	14	1
Babb, Mia.	1	24	24.0	24	0	Taylor, R., Wash.	1	17	17.0	17	0
DenHerder, Mia.	1	24	24.0	24	0	Allen, C., Phil.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Blanchard, N.E.	1	20	20.0	20	0	Lewis, Dall.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Montgomery, R., Den.	1	20	20.0	20	0	Crist, N.Y.G.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Alexander, Hou.	1	16	16.0	16	0	Hollas, N.O.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Briggs, Cleve.	1	16	16.0	16	0	Nunley, S.F.	1	12	12.0	12	0
Edwards, Pitt.	1	14	14.0	14	0	Brubacher, Chi.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Heppner, Balt.	1	14	14.0	14	0	Beard, S.F.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Kolen, Mia.	1	14	14.0	14	0	Duncan, Wash.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Redman, S.D.	1	14	14.0	14	0	Absher, Phil.	1	7	7.0	7	0
Thomas, N.Y.J.	1	14	14.0	14	0	Howley, Dall.	1	7	7.0	7	0
Hall, Cleve.	1	12	12.0	12	0	Staggs, St.L.	1	7	7.0	7	0
Cline, Oak.	1	11	11.0	11	0	Howell, N.O.	1	6	6.0	6	0
Werner, K.C.	1	11	11.0	11	0	Warwick, Minn.	1	6	6.0	6	0
Garlington, Cleve.	1	10	10.0	10	0	Moor, Chi.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Pitts, Buff.	1	10	10.0	10	0	Thompson, St.L.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Barnes, S.D.	1	9	9.0	9	0	Naumoff, Det.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Beauchamp, Cin.	1	8	8.0	8	0	Lewis, Atl.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Atkinson, N.Y.J.	1	7	7.0	7	0	Brown, N.Y.G.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Allen, K.C.	1	4	4.0	4	0	Purnell, L.A.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Andrews, Cleve.	1	4	4.0	4	0	Smith, Chi.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Caffey, S.D.	1	4	4.0	4	0	Buffone, Chi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Crane, N.Y.J.	1	4	4.0	4	0	Carter, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Thompson, Den.	1	4	4.0	4	0	Douglas, N.Y.G.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Washington, Buff.	1	4	4.0	4	0	Fuller, S.F.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Taylor, N.Y.J.	1	2	2.0	2	0	Hall, S.F.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Howell, Cleve.	1	1	1.0	1	0	Ransen, Atl.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Johnson, Cleve.	1	1	1.0	1	0	Hart, S.F.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Carwell, N.E.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Mitchell, Det.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Conners, Oak.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Owens, Wash.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Cudry, Buff.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Phillips, S.F.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jackson, Cin.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Renfro, Dall.	1	0	0.0	0	0
James, Buff.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Weaver, C., Det.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rossovich, S.D.	1	0	0.0	0	0						
Sistrunk, Oak.	1	0	0.0	0	0						
Stratton, Buff.	1	0	0.0	0	0						
Thoma, Oak.	1	0	0.0	0	0						

f = Touchdown
Leader based on most interceptions

† = Touchdown

Leader based on most interceptions

1972 INTERCEPTIONS - TEAM

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Pittsburgh	28	395	14.1	41	1
Miami	28	286	11.0	31	1
Oakland	25	328	13.1	82t	1
Kansas City	24	396	16.5	65t	5
San Diego	24	310	12.9	47t	1
Buffalo	23	369	16.0	61	3
Baltimore	23	331	14.4	37	1
Cincinnati	20	326	16.3	63t	3
New York Jets	19	282	14.8	43	0
Cleveland	13	154	11.8	36t	1
New England	10	223	22.3	55	0
Denver	10	109	10.9	30	0
Houston	6	93	15.5	34	0
Conference Total	251	3,602	14.4	82t	17
Conference Average ..	19.3	277.1	14.4	--	1.3

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Minnesota	26	365	14.0	35	2
New York Giants	23	205	8.9	37 1/2	0
Chicago	21	193	9.2	41	0
Philadelphia	19	164	8.6	45	0
San Francisco	19	146	7.7	37 1/2	3
Atlanta	18	205	11.4	46	1
Washington	17	287	16.9	43 1/2	1
Green Bay	17	223	13.1	40	1
Los Angeles	16	251	15.7	43 1/2	1
Dallas	16	213	13.3	56	1
New Orleans	14	141	10.1	32	0
Detroit	12	184	15.3	88 1/2	1
St. Louis	11	118	10.7	26	0
Conference Total	229	2,695	---	88 1/2	13
Conference Average ..	17.6	207.3	11.8	--	1.0
League Total	480	6,297	---	88 1/2	30.0
League Average	18.5	242.2	13.1	--	1.2



Pittsburgh's Mean Joe Greene lurches down on K.C.'s Len Dawson.

PUNTING

AFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Jerrel Wilson of Kansas City with a 44.8 average on 66 punts for 2,960 yards. It was the best average in the NFL.

NFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Dave Chapple of Los Angeles with a 44.2 average, the result of 53 punts and 2,344 yards.

AFC LONGEST PUNT - Bobby Walden, Pittsburgh, 72 yards vs Oakland, on September 17th.

NFC LONGEST PUNT - Julian Fagan, New Orleans, 71 yards vs Los Angeles, November 26th.

AFC MOST PUNTS - Don Pastorini of Houston, 82, most in the NFL.

NFC MOST PUNTS - Donny Anderson, St. Louis, had 72 punts.

AFC TEAM CHAMPION - Kansas City, which led the NFL with a 44.8 average.

NFC TEAM CHAMPION - Los Angeles with a 44.2 average.

NFL TOP TEN PUNTERS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	Bk
WILSON, K.C.	66	2960	44.8	69	1
Chapple, L.A.	53	2344	44.2	70	0
Walden, Pitt.	65	2846	43.8	72	2
Cockroft, Clev.	81	3498	43.2	65	0
James, Atl.	61	2609	42.8	59	0
Eischeid, Minn.	62	2651	42.8	61	1
Blanchard, N.Y.G.	47	2006	42.7	58	1
Lewis, Cin.	66	2777	42.1	60	0
Lee, Balt.	57	2400	42.1	60	1
Widby, G.B.	65	2714	41.8	64	2

AFC - INDIVIDUAL

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	Bk
WILSON, K.C.	66	2960	44.8	69	1
Walden, Pitt.	65	2846	43.8	72	2
Cockroft, Clev.	81	3498	43.2	65	0
Lewis, Cin.	66	2777	42.1	60	0
Lee, Balt.	57	2400	42.1	60	1
Pastorini, Hou.	82	3381	41.2	63	1
Farley, S.D.	45	1813	40.3	65	0
Vandusen, Den.	60	2408	40.1	60	1
Seip, Mia.	36	1437	39.9	54	0
O'Neal, N.Y.J.	51	2006	39.3	57	1
Jones, Buff.	80	3104	38.8	67	1
Studdstill, N.E.	75	2859	38.1	57	1
DePoyster, Oak.	55	2031	36.9	57	3
(Non-Qualifiers)					
Lohridge, Mia.	4	150	37.5	42	0
Anderson, Mia.	4	147	36.8	45	0
Butler, S.	3	105	35.0	47	0
Gerela, Pitt.	1	29	29.0	29	0

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	Bk
CHAPPLE, L.A.	53	2344	44.2	70	0
James, Atl.	61	2609	42.8	59	0
Eischeid, Minn.	62	2651	42.8	61	1
Blanchard, N.Y.G.	47	2006	42.7	58	1
Widby, G.B.	65	2714	41.8	64	2
Green, Chi.	67	2758	41.2	58	0
Fagan, N.O.	71	2899	40.8	71	1
Weaver, H., Det.	43	1734	40.3	55	0
Bradley, Phil.	56	2250	40.2	60	0
McCaun, S.F.	64	2542	39.7	63	1
Anderson, St.L.	72	2847	39.5	61	0
Bragg, Wash.	59	2273	38.0	62	0
Bateman, Dall.	51	1949	38.2	61	0
(Non-Qualifiers)					
McNeill, Phil.	7	290	41.4	51	0
Bakken, St.L.	1	26	26.0	26	0

Leader based on average punt, minimum 35 punts

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	Bk
Kansas City	66	2,960	44.8	69	1
Pittsburgh	65	2,846	43.8	72	2
Cleveland	81	3,498	43.2	65	0
Baltimore	57	2,400	42.1	60	0
Cincinnati	66	2,777	42.1	60	1
Houston	82	3,381	41.2	63	1
San Diego	45	1,813	40.3	65	0
Denver	60	2,408	40.1	60	1
Miami	44	1,734	39.9	54	0
New York Jets	51	2,006	39.3	57	1
Buffalo	80	3,104	38.8	67	1
New England	75	2,859	38.1	57	1
Oakland	55	2,031	36.9	57	3
Conference Total	831	31,351	37.2	62	12
Conference Average ..	83.9	2,511.6	40.3	62	8.4

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	Bk
Los Angeles	53	2,344	44.2	70	0
Atlanta	61	2,609	42.8	59	0
Minnesota	62	2,651	42.8	61	1
New York Giants	47	2,006	42.7	58	1
Green Bay	65	2,714	41.8	64	2
Chicago	67	2,758	41.2	58	0
New Orleans	71	2,899	40.8	71	1
Detroit	43	1,734	40.3	55	0
Philadelphia	56	2,540	40.1	60	0
San Francisco	64	2,542	39.7	63	1
St. Louis	72	2,847	39.5	61	0
Washington	59	2,273	38.0	62	0
Dallas	51	1,949	38.2	61	0
Conference Total	779	31,892	40.7	61	6
Conference Average ..	77.9	2,553.2	40.9	61	8.3
League Total	1,610	63,243	39.5	62	18
League Average	61.9	2,532.4	39.6	62	8.7

PUNT RETURNS

AFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Chris Farasopoulos of the New York Jets with an average of 10.5 on 17 returns for 179 yards.

NFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Ken Ellis, Green Bay, had a 15.4 average on 14 returns for 215 yards, best in the NFL.

AFC MOST YARDS RETURNED - Bruce Laird of Baltimore had 303 yards, most in the League.

NFC MOST YARDS RETURNED - Jim Bertelsen of Los Angeles with 232 yards.

AFC MOST RETURNS - Bruce Laird of Baltimore had 34 returns, tops in the NFL.

NFC MOST RETURNS - Ron Smith of Chicago with 26.

AFC LONGEST RETURN - Tommy Casanova of Cincinnati went 66 yards for a touchdown vs Denver on October 8th.

NFC LONGEST RETURN - Jon Staggers of Green Bay returned a punt 85 yards for a TD against Houston on November 19th.

AFC TD RETURNS - (4): Tommy Casanova, Cincinnati (66 yards vs Denver, Oct. 8); Chris Farasopoulos, New York Jets (65 yards vs Buffalo, September 17th); Charlie Greer, Denver (65 yards vs San Diego, December 10th); Lemar Parrish, Cincinnati (51 yards vs New England, September 17th).

NFC TD RETURNS - (2): Jon Staggers, Green Bay (85 yards vs Houston, November 19th); Ken Ellis, Green Bay (80 yards vs Detroit, October 16th).

AFC TEAM CHAMPION - Denver with a 11.1 average on 28 returns for 310 yards.

NFC TEAM CHAMPION - Green Bay with a 14.6 average, best in the NFL, as a result of 25 returns for 364 yards.

NFL TOP TEN PUNT RETURNERS

	No	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Ellis, G.B.	14	1	215	15.4	80t	1
Bertelsen, L.A.	16	3	232	14.5	60	0
Farasopoulos, N.Y.J.	17	17	179	10.5	65t	1
McGill, S.F.	22	0	219	10.0	33	0
Casanova, Cin.	30	19	289	9.6	66t	1
Leigh, Mia.	22	5	210	9.5	27	0
Dunlap, S.D.	19	11	179	9.4	21	0
Parrish, Cin.	15	2	141	9.4	51t	1
Edwards, Pitt.	22	19	202	9.2	54	0
Laird, Balt.	34	11	303	8.9	42	0

AFC - INDIVIDUAL

	No	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
FARASOPOULOS, N.Y.J.	17	17	179	10.5	65t	1
Casanova, Cin.	30	19	289	9.6	66t	1
Leigh, Mia.	22	5	210	9.5	27	0
Dunlap, S.D.	19	11	179	9.4	21	0
Laird, Balt.	15	2	141	9.4	51t	1
Edwards, Pitt.	22	19	202	9.2	54	0
Marshall, K.C.	34	11	303	8.9	42	0
Majors, Clev.	16	6	96	6.0	41	0
Houston, Hou.	25	7	148	5.9	33	0
Marshall, K.C.	18	5	103	5.7	29	0
Darden, Clev.	15	7	61	4.1	37	0
(Non-Qualifiers)						
Scott, Mia.	13	3	100	7.7	15	0
Branch, Oak.	17	5	21	1.8	14	0
Wyatt, Buff.	11	5	85	7.7	27	0
Sherman, Den.	10	5	89	8.9	18	0
Atkinson, Oak.	10	1	33	3.3	8	0
Little, Den.	8	2	64	8.0	29	0
Podolak, K.C.	8	10	11	1.4	12	0
Cole, Buff.	7	6	35	5.0	13	0
Moore, Hou.	7	15	2.1	1.9	0	0
Garrett, N.E.	6	0	36	6.0	27	0
Lewis, Pitt.	5	1	56	11.2	26	0
Kelly, Clev.	5	3	40	8.0	14	0
Turner, N.Y.J.	5	1	38	7.6	16	0
Volk, Balt.	5	7	25	5.0	8	0
Anderson, Mia.	5	3	19	3.8	17	0
Carwell, N.E.	5	1	2	0.4	4	0
Thompson, Den.	4	1	82	20.5	59	0
Greer, Den.	4	0	67	16.8	65t	1
Hill, Buff.	4	1	24	6.0	12	0
Logan, Balt.	4	1	20	5.0	7	0
Harris, N.E.	4	3	5	1.3	5	0
Hicks, N.Y.J.	3	0	25	8.3	20	0
Greene, Buff.	2	4	18	9.0	9	0
Maxwell, Oak.	2	2	12	6.0	9	0
Garrett, S.D.	2	1	10	5.0	10	0

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

	No	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
ELLIS, G.B.	14	1	215	15.4	80t	1
Bertelsen, L.A.	16	3	232	14.5	60	0
McGill, S.F.	22	0	219	10.0	33	0
Barney, Det.	15	8	108	7.2	26	0
Bradley, Phil.	22	7	155	7.0	60	0
West, Minn.	16	6	111	6.9	23	0
Taylor, S.F.	21	8	145	6.9	41	0
Belton, Atl.	17	6	110	6.5	34	0
Smith, Chi.	26	1	163	6.3	29	0
Victor, Wash.	17	14	88	5.2	28	0
Harris, Dall.	19	16	78	4.1	21	0
(Non-Qualifiers)						
Duncan, Wash.	11	6	70	6.4	18	0
Bryant, Minn.	10	15	48	4.8	10	0
Love, L.A.	10	4	39	3.9	10	0
Staggers, G.B.	9	20	148	16.4	85t	1
Waters, Dall.	9	7	56	6.2	17	0
Myers, N.O.	9	15	43	4.8	10	0
Willingham, St.L.	9	6	41	4.6	13	0
Athas, N.Y.G.	8	6	95	11.9	48	0
Brown, Atl.	8	10	71	8.9	29	0
Crim, N.Y.G.	7	14	10	1.4	10	0
Adkins, N.O.	7	2	0	0.0	4	0
Haymond, Wash.	6	1	1	0.2	6	0
Wehrli, St.L.	5	6	24	4.8	22	0
Gordon, L.A.	4	0	20	5.0	12	0
Elmendorf, L.A.	3	9	56	18.7	41	0
Walsh, Phil.	3	1	4	1.3	10	0
Walton, L.L.	3	6	-8	-2.7	-1	0
Duhon, N.Y.G.	2	2	20	10.0	10	0
Clemens, Chi.	2	3	15	7.5	10	0
Gray, St.L.	2	3	4	-2.0	0	0
Ellis, Atl.	1	0	13	13.0	13	0
Winfield, Phil.	1	0	12	12.0	12	0
Fuller, S.F.	1	1	9	9.0	9	0
Gibbs, Phil.	1	0	8	8.0	8	0
Glass, G.B.	1	0	1	1.0	1	0

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Homan, K.G.	2	0	9	4.5	8	0
Johnson, E., Cin.	2	0	7	3.5	7	0
Bleier, Pitt.	2	0	1	0.5	1	0
Johnson, A., Hou.	2	1	0	0.0	0	0
Gladieux, N.E.	2	4	-6	-3.0	0	0

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

Hudson, G.B.	1	2	0	0.0	0	0
Mendenhall, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Small, Atl.	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Sevenson, Wash.	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sullivan, Phil.	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

1972 PUNT RETURNS TEAM

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	No	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Denver	28	8	310	11.1	85f	1
New York Jets	25	18	242	9.7	85f	1
Cincinnati	47	21	437	9.3	84f	2
Pittsburgh	30	20	162	8.7	54	0
Miami	40	11	329	8.2	27	0
Baltimore	43	19	348	8.1	42	0
San Diego	23	17	185	8.0	21	0
Buffalo	25	16	164	6.6	27	0
Cleveland	37	18	211	5.7	41	0
Houston	34	10	163	4.8	33	0
Kansas City	29	15	126	4.3	29	0
Oakland	24	10	66	2.6	14	0
New England	17	8	37	2.2	27	0
Conference Total	402	193	2,880	---	86f	4
Conference Average	30.9	14.8	221.5	7.2	--	0.3

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	No	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Green Bay	25	23	364	14.6	85f	2
Los Angeles	35	16	347	10.5	60	0
San Francisco	44	9	373	8.5	41	0
Atlanta	27	16	194	7.2	34	0
New York Giants	18	22	125	6.9	48	0
Philadelphia	27	9	139	6.4	60	0
Minnesota	28	6	178	6.4	29	0
Chicago	26	21	159	6.1	23	0
Detroit	18	14	100	5.6	26	0
Dallas	28	23	134	4.8	21	0
Washington	34	22	159	4.7	28	0
St. Louis	16	15	63	3.8	22	0
New Orleans	16	17	43	2.7	10	0
Conference Total	340	213	2,416	---	85f	2
Conference Average	26.2	16.4	185.8	7.1	--	0.2
League Total	742	406	5,296	---	85f	6
League Average	28.5	15.6	203.7	7.1	--	0.2

KICKOFF RETURNS

AFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Bruce Laird, Baltimore, with an average of 29.1 on 29 returns for 843 yards.

NFC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION - Ron Smith, Chicago, with 30 returns for 924 yards and a 30.8 average, best in the NFL.

AFC MOST YARDS RETURNED - Bruce Laird, Baltimore, with 843 yards.

NFC MOST YARDS RETURNED - Margene Adkins of New Orleans had 1,020 yards, which was the most in the League.

AFC MOST RETURNS - Jesse Taylor of San Diego with 31 returns.

NFC MOST RETURNS - Margene Adkins of New Orleans had 43 returns, most in the NFL.

AFC LONGEST RETURN - Randy Montgomery, Denver, 94 yards for a TD against San Diego on September 24th.

NFC LONGEST RETURN - Vic Washington, San Francisco, 98 yards for a TD vs Atlanta, on October 29th.

AFC TD RETURNS - (2): Randy Montgomery, Denver (94 yards vs San Diego, September 24th); Don McCauley, Baltimore (93 yards vs New York Jets, September 24th).

NFC TD RETURNS - (4): Vic Washington, San Francisco (98 yards vs Atlanta, October 29th); Ron Smith, Chicago (94 yards vs Oakland, December 17th); Earl Thomas, Chicago (82 yards on lateral from Ron Smith, who ran 9 yards originally, vs St. Louis, October 29th).

AFC TEAM CHAMPION - Baltimore with a 28.1 average on 47 returns for 1,321 yards.

NFC TEAM CHAMPION - Chicago with a 29.4 average, best in the NFL, the result of 52 returns for 1,528 yards.

NFL TOP TEN KICKOFF RETURNERS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
SMITH, CHI.	30	924	30.8	94t	1
Nelson, Phil.	25	728	29.1	78	0
Laird, Balt.	29	843	29.1	73	0
Washington, V., S.F.	27	771	28.6	98t	1
Thompson, N.Y.G.	29	821	28.3	92t	1
Marshall, K.C.	23	651	28.3	48	0
Thomas, G.B.	21	572	27.2	89	0
Gilliam, Minn.	14	369	26.4	47	0
Montgomery, R., Den.	29	756	26.1	94t	1
Davis, Oak.	18	464	25.8	49	0
Garrett, N.E.	16	410	25.6	49	0
Turner, Chi.	16	409	25.6	57	0

AFC - INDIVIDUAL

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
LAIRD, BALT.	29	843	29.1	73	0
Marshall, K.C.	23	651	28.3	48	0
Montgomery, R., Den.	29	756	26.1	94t	1
Davis, Oak.	18	464	25.8	49	0
Garrett, N.E.	16	410	25.6	49	0
Wyatt, Buff.	17	432	25.4	43	0
Cole, Hou.-Buff.	18	456	25.3	51	0
Greene, Buff.	15	378	25.2	66	0
Jackson, Cin.	21	509	24.2	62	0
Farasopoulos, N.Y.J.	26	627	24.1	51	0
Morris, Mia.	14	334	23.9	33	0
Dawkins, Den.	15	357	23.8	31	0
Brown, Cleve.	20	473	23.7	47	0
Parish, Cin.	15	348	23.2	45	0
Taylor, S.D.	31	676	21.8	41	0
Ashton, N.E.	15	309	20.6	31	0
Rodgers, Hou.	17	335	19.7	32	0
(Non-Qualifiers)					
McCauley, Balt.	13	377	29.0	93t	1
Pearson, Pitt.	13	292	22.5	42	0
Johnson, B., Hou.	13	230	17.7	29	0
Dunlap, S.D.	12	271	22.6	35	0
Jolley, Hou.	11	267	24.3	43	0
Majors, Cleve.	10	222	22.2	40	0
Wise, N.Y.J.	9	211	23.4	33	0
Hoey, N.E.	9	210	23.1	30	0
Branch, Oak.	9	191	21.2	31	0
Rucker, N.E.	8	227	28.4	43	0
Adams, K.C.	8	185	23.1	37	0
Harris, Pitt.	8	183	22.9	32	0
Davis, Stevie, Pitt.	7	207	29.6	82	0
Johnson, A., Hou.	7	154	22.0	28	0

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
SMITH, CHI.	30	924	30.8	94t	1
Nelson, Phil.	25	728	29.1	78	0
Washington, V., S.F.	27	771	28.6	98t	1
Thompson, N.Y.G.	29	821	28.3	92t	1
Thomas, G.B.	21	572	27.2	89	0
Gilliam, Minn.	14	369	26.4	47	0
Turner, Chi.	16	409	25.6	57	0
Elison, L.A.	14	345	24.6	32	0
Duncan, Wash.	15	364	24.3	41	0
Jessie, Det.	23	558	24.3	62	0
Adkins, N.O.	43	1020	23.7	61	0
Zolko, Det.	26	614	23.7	49	0
Harris, Dall.	26	615	23.7	44	0
Gray, St.L.	17	378	22.2	29	0
Walik, Phil.	21	466	22.2	35	0
Moore, St.L.	20	437	21.9	37	0
Hampton, Atl.	25	535	21.4	52	0
Newhouse, Dall.	18	382	21.2	30	0
Belton, Atl.	21	441	21.0	41	0
(Non-Qualifiers)					
Jones, Minn.	12	327	27.1	48	0
Orduna, N.Y.G.	12	244	20.3	39	0
Staggers, G.B.	11	260	23.6	39	0
Hudson, G.B.	11	247	22.5	55	0
Haymond, Wash.	10	291	29.1	41	0
McGill, S.F.	10	192	19.2	30	0
West, Minn.	9	196	21.8	31	0
Williamham, St.L.	9	194	21.6	24	0
Thomas, L.A.	8	212	26.5	43	0
Mul-Key, Wash.	8	209	26.1	44	0
Brunet, Wash.	8	190	23.8	45	0
Green, N.O.	8	187	23.4	58	0

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KICKOFF RETURNS (Continued)

No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs		
Bjorklund, N.Y.J.	7	150	21.4	27	0	Love, L.A.	8	167	20.9	27	0
Berry, S.D.	7	138	19.7	26	0	Williams, R., L.A.	6	141	23.5	29	0
Podolak, K.C.	7	119	17.0	23	0	Gordon, L.A.	4	141	35.1	53	0
Leigh, Mia.	6	153	25.5	45	0	Bertelsen, L.A.	4	88	22.0	25	0
Lefear, Clev.	6	138	23.0	29	0	Butler, St.L.	4	85	21.3	27	0
Joiner, Cin.	5	88	17.6	25	0	Strong, N.O.	4	53	13.3	22	0
Koy, Buff.	5	63	12.6	25	0	Douglas, N.Y.G.	4	43	10.8	22	0
Dewitler, S.D.	4	94	23.5	26	0	Curran, J.A.	4	37	9.3	19	0
Hicks, R.T.J.	4	73	18.3	23	0	Sullivan, Phil.	3	72	24.0	34	0
Kinney, K.C.	4	63	15.8	25	0	Gibbs, Phil.	3	61	20.3	23	0
Warren, Oak.	4	57	14.3	27	0	Clark, L.A.	3	59	19.7	28	0
Atkinson, Oak.	3	75	25.0	34	0	Pergine, L.A.	3	46	15.3	19	0
Matthews, N.E.	3	74	24.7	29	0	Brown, B., Minn.	3	37	12.3	27	0
Morrison, Clev.	3	67	22.3	32	0	Winfield, Phil.	3	9	3.0	9	0
Turner, N.Y.J.	3	57	19.0	22	0	Clemens, Chi.	2	53	26.5	27	0
Little, Den.	3	48	16.0	22	0	Howard, L.A.	2	51	25.5	28	0
Maitland, N.E.	3	48	16.0	19	0	Thomas, Dall.	2	50	25.0	30	0
Lynch, Den.	3	45	15.0	17	0	Duhon, N.Y.G.	2	47	23.5	26	0
Jones, R., S.D.	3	41	13.7	17	0	Bryant, Minn.	2	41	20.5	22	0
Selfridge, Buff.	3	36	12.0	16	0	Schreiber, S.F.	2	41	20.5	25	0
McClain, N.Y.J.	2	45	22.5	26	0	Malone, Atl.	2	37	18.5	20	0
Sykes, S.D.	2	44	22.0	24	0	Williams, J., M.O.	2	23	11.5	15	0
Bleier, Pitt.	2	40	20.0	20	0	Bass, Wash.	2	22	11.0	21	0
Holmes, R., Hou.	2	39	19.5	21	0	Bradley, Phil.	2	22	11.0	20	0
Nottingham, Balt.	2	38	19.0	19	0	Waters, Dall.	2	18	9.0	18	0
Reardon, K.C.	2	35	17.5	18	0	Hoskins, S.F.	2	17	8.5	17	0
Matheson, Mia.	2	34	17.0	17	0	Hollas, N.O.	2	9	4.5	9	0
Johnson, Clev.	2	33	16.5	24	0	Tillman, Wash.	2	6	3.0	6	0
Kirksey, N.Y.J.	2	33	16.5	17	0	Germany, Atl.	2	5	2.5	5	0
Hill, Buff.	2	32	16.0	26	0	Beard, S.F.	2	-1	-0.5	1	0
Bulaich, Balt.	1	62	62.0	62	0	Small, N.Y.G.	1	100	100.0	77L	0
Casanova, Cin.	1	34	34.0	34	0	Nyatt, St.L.	1	41	41.0	41	0
Maxwell, Oak.	1	26	26.0	26	0	Holloway, Chi.	1	28	28.0	28	0
Linn, Mia.	1	25	25.0	25	0	Kroll, G.B.	1	23	23.0	23	0
Turner, C., Den.	1	25	25.0	25	0	Mumley, S.F.	1	21	21.0	21	0
Moore, Hou.	1	22	22.0	22	0	Plummer, Atl.	1	21	21.0	21	0
Simpson, Buff.	1	21	21.0	21	0	Victor, Wash.	1	21	21.0	21	0
Bankston, Pitt.	1	20	20.0	20	0	Robinson, G.B.	1	20	20.0	20	0
Edwards, Pitt.	1	18	18.0	18	0	Barney, Det.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Kreig, Den.	1	18	18.0	18	0	Landsey, Minn.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Beas, N.E.	1	15	15.0	15	0	Pettigrew, Phil.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Lewis, Cin.	1	15	15.0	15	0	Butkus, Chi.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Snell, N.Y.J.	1	14	14.0	14	0	Fanucci, Wash.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Anderson, Den.	1	13	13.0	13	0	McClinton, Wash.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Johnson, E., Cin.	1	13	13.0	13	0	Montgomery, Dall.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Braxton, Buff.	1	12	12.0	12	0	Butler, N.O.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Dennis, Cin.	1	11	11.0	11	0	Pinder, Chi.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Zepalac, N.Y.J.	1	8	8.0	8	0	Triplett, Det.	1	12	12.0	12	0
Granger, Hou.	1	5	5.0	5	0	Ellis, G.B.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Upshaw, K.C.	1	4	4.0	4	0	Wehrli, St.L.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Mildren, Balt.	1	1	1.0	1	0	Williams, P., G.B.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Simons, Den.	1	-6	-6.0	-6	0	Burns, St.L.	1	7	7.0	7	0
Barkum, N.Y.J.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Crist, N.Y.G.	1	7	7.0	7	0
Bauchamp, S.D.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Newland, N.O.	1	6	6.0	6	0
Briscoe, Mia.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Orvis, Det.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Hendricks, Balt.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Horton, Chi.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Kearney, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Voigt, Minn.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Kelly, Cin.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Chesson, Atl.	1	0	0.0	0	0
McMakin, Pitt.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Enderis, N.Y.G.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Prease, Den.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Fugett, Dall.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Seller, Oak.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Garrett, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Slough, Oak.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Overmeyer, Phil.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Smith, Oak.	1	0	0.0	0	0	Frudhomme, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Williams, S.D.	0	9	---	9L	0	Wortman, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
						Walton, L., Det.	0	96	---	50L	0
						Thomas, Chi.	0	82	---	82L	1

t = Touchdown. L = Lateral

Leader based on average return, minimum 14 returns

1972 KICKOFF RETURNS - TEAM

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE					NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE						
	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs		No	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Baltimore	47	1,321	28.1	93	1	Chicago	32	1,528	47.8	48	2
New England	55	1,293	23.5	49	0	New York Giants	40	1,242	31.3	93	1
Buffalo	60	1,389	23.2	46	0	Detroit	32	1,394	43.6	51	0
Pittsburgh	49	1,344	27.4	46	0	San Francisco	44	1,041	23.7	98	1
Kansas City	46	1,057	23.0	48	0	Washington	40	1,133	28.3	45	0
Denver	35	1,236	35.3	94	1	Minnesota	42	989	23.5	48	0
Miami	44	1,146	26.0	45	0	Philadelphia	39	1,179	30.2	78	0
Cleveland	41	933	22.8	47	0	Green Bay	49	1,147	23.3	89	0
Cincinnati	46	1,018	22.1	62	0	Los Angeles	36	1,247	34.6	53	0
New York Jets	56	1,218	21.8	51	0	St. Louis	43	1,132	26.3	41	0
Oakland	38	813	21.4	49	0	Dallas	50	1,080	21.6	44	0
San Diego	44	1,273	28.9	41	0	New Orleans	42	1,312	31.2	41	0
Houston	54	1,509	28.2	42	0	Atlanta	52	1,039	20.0	52	0
Conference Total	615	13,979	22.7	746	2	Conference Total	649	15,643	24.1	981	4
Conference Average	47.3	1,074.4	22.7	57.4	0.0	Conference Average	51.5	1,208.3	23.4	74.6	0.1
						League Total	1,284	29,615	23.1	981	4
						League Average	49.4	1,159.0	23.1	74.6	0.2

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
TOTAL OFFENSE**

Team	Total Yards	Rushing Yards	Passing Yards	Average Per Game
Miami	5027*	2951*	2076	359.1*
New York Jets	4787	2010	2777*	341.9
Oakland	4745	2376	2369	338.9
Denver	4472	1838	2634	319.4
Cincinnati	4317	1996	2321	308.4
San Diego	4299	1995	2304	307.1
Pittsburgh	4231	2520	1711	302.2
Baltimore	4187	1894	2293	299.1
Kansas City	3953	1915	2038	282.4
Buffalo	3733	2132	1601	266.6
Cleveland	3709	1793	1916	264.9
New England	3659	1532	2127	261.4
Houston	3191	1518	1673	227.9

TOTAL DEFENSE

Team	Total Yards	Rushing Yards	Passing Yards	Average Per Game
Miami	3297*	1548*	1749	235.5*
Cincinnati	3552	1815	1737	253.7
Pittsburgh	3771	1715	2056	269.4
Denver	3851	1668	2183	275.1
San Diego	3881	1673	2208	277.2
Oakland	3916	1764	2152	279.7
Kansas City	4027	1805	2222	287.6
Cleveland	4069	2333	1736*	290.6
Buffalo	4183	2232	1951	298.8
Baltimore	4312	1989	2323	308.0
New York Jets	4709	2072	2637	336.4
Houston	4734	2591	2143	338.1
New England	5250	2717	2533	375.0

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

TOTAL OFFENSE

Team	Total Yards	Rushing Yards	Passing Yards	Average Per Game
New York Giants	4483*	2022	2461	320.2*
Dallas	4466	2124	2342	319.0
Los Angeles	4355	2209	2146	311.1
San Francisco	4351	1616	2735*	310.8
Washington	4275	2082	2193	305.4
Minnesota	4263	1740	2523	304.5
Detroit	4155	2021	2134	296.8
Atlanta	4011	2092	1919	286.5
New Orleans	3664	1230	2434	261.7
Green Bay	3539	2127	1412	252.8
Chicago	3468	2360*	1108	247.7
Philadelphia	3463	1393	2070	247.4
St. Louis	3267	1229	2038	233.4

TOTAL DEFENSE

Team	Total Yards	Rushing Yards	Passing Yards	Average Per Game
Green Bay	3474*	1517	1957	248.1*
Washington	3595	1733	1862	256.8
Minnesota	3701	2002	1699*	264.4
Dallas	3755	1515*	2240	268.2
Atlanta	3767	2063	1704	269.1
Los Angeles	3907	1762	2145	279.1
Chicago	3923	1751	2172	280.2
San Francisco	4026	1847	2179	287.6
New York Giants	4194	1855	2339	299.6
Detroit	4208	2204	2004	300.6
New Orleans	4491	2089	2402	320.8
Philadelphia	4738	2266	2472	338.4
St. Louis	4739	2189	2550	338.5

DIGEST OF 1973 RULES

Only a few minor changes have been made in the rules for this season. For example, the clock will now run only when the ball is snapped following changes of team possession. Previously if the Giants stopped the Colts on fourth down and 1, the clock would have continued to run. Now it will stop and only start when the Giants snaps the ball. Presumably, this will allow a team a few more plays in a game.

Another change: When a penalty is called at the end of either half, the period is extended for one more play provided the ball has changed possession.

There is a new numbering system but it only applies to rookies coming into the league. All other players now in the league will continue wearing their old numbers. But for rookies, quarterbacks and kickers must wear numbers 1 to 19; all running backs and defensive backs must wear 20 to 49; all centers and linebackers must wear 50-59; all defensive linemen and interior offensive linemen must wear 60 to 79; all wide receivers and tight ends must wear 80 to 89. So, as the veterans retire, say goodbye to the guys with the 90's.

FIELD

1. Side lines and end lines are out of bounds. Goal line is actually in the end zone.
2. The four intersections of goal lines and side lines must be marked, at INSIDE corners (field of play) by flags mounted on flexible shafts.
3. Inbound lines (Hash marks) are 23 yards, 1 foot, 9 inches in from each side line.
4. Goal posts—18 feet 6 inches wide and top face of crossbar 10 feet above ground. Vertical goal posts extend 20 feet above crossbar. The goal is the vertical plane extending indefinitely above crossbar and between the lines indicated by the *outer edges* of the goal posts. All goal posts will be of the single-standard type, offset from the goal line and bright gold in color.
5. The playing field will be rimmed by a white border 6 feet wide along the sideline.

COIN TOSS

1. Toss of coin will take place thirty minutes before scheduled game time in center of field.
 - (a) Toss will be called.
 - (b) The winner of toss must choose one of two privileges, and the loser is given the other. The two choices are:
 1. Which team is to kick-off
 2. The goal his team is to defend

- (c) At the end of first half, the captains of both teams must immediately appear at center of field in order to inform Referee of their respective choices.
2. In case of inclement weather, toss may be made between the two coaches.
3. Three minutes prior to game time, both captains are to appear at center of field at which time Referee will indicate which team is to kick-off, and goal receivers will defend. No toss simulated.

TIMING

1. Official game time is kept on stadium clock.
2. Two minutes intermission between periods and team time outs, timed by the Field Judge.
3. Offensive team has thirty seconds to put ball in play. Timed by Field Judge, and failure to do so is delay of game. Penalty 5 yards.

TIMING CHANGES DURING LAST TWO MINUTES OF EACH HALF

1. On kick-off clock does not start until the ball has been legally touched by a player of either team in the field of play.
2. During the last two minutes a team cannot buy a fourth time out for a penalty. A fourth time out during the last two minutes will only be allowed for an injured player who must be immediately designated and removed. No penalty. Fifth or more are allowed only under the same condition, but are penalized 5 yards. (Time in with Referee's ready signal in both cases).
3. During last two minutes of either half, if score is tied or team in possession is behind in score and has exhausted its legal time outs, an additional time out may be requested and granted under the same conditions as above. Clock shall start with Referee's whistle upon removal of injured player from field, and ball cannot be put in play until ten seconds have expired. Game can end before snap if less than ten seconds remain.

TRY FOR POINT

1. After a touchdown, the scoring team is allowed a try-for-point. This try is an attempt to score one additional point, during one scrimmage down, with spot of snap anywhere between inbounds lines and which is also two (2) or more yards from opponent's goal line.

SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Unlimited substitution. Players may enter the field only when ball is dead.
2. Players leaving field must clear field on their own side, *between end lines* before snap or free-kick. If player crosses end line leaving field, 5-yard penalty for delay of game.

KICK-OFF (FREE-KICK)

1. Start of game, start of second half, after a field goal and following a try for point.
 - (a) On the above situations a 3-inch kicking "T" may be used. Punt

not allowed. Kick must be made from on or between inbounds lines.

2. Kick-off is not a legal kick unless kick travels 20 yards or has been touched by receivers. Once ball touched by receiving team it is a free ball. Receivers may recover and advance, kicking team may recover, but not advance, unless receivers had possession of ball.
3. A kick-off which goes out of bounds between the goal lines without being touched by receiving team, must be re-kicked. (5-yard penalty) If touched last by receiving team it is their ball at inbound spot. The last touching is the important thing even though it may have been touched by both teams.
4. Free-kick situations also develop following fair catch and safety. Time starts with Referee's whistle.

When receiving team fair catches ball, captain has option on how he wishes to put ball in play. (1) Free-kick (punt, drop-kick, or place-kick without "T") or (2) By snap. If place or drop-kick attempted and ball kicked between uprights, field goal is awarded for successful kick. (3 points) All other free-kick rules apply.

Following a safety the team scored upon must next put ball in play at their 20-yard line by free-kick. (Punt, drop-kick or place-kick—no "T") All free-kick rules apply. No score may be made on free-kick following safety, even though a series of penalties may place a team in position to do so.

SAFETY

1. A safety is the situation in which ball is dead on or behind a team's goal line. Provided: The impetus came from a player of that team. (2 points)
Examples:
 - (a) Blocked punt which goes out of the kicking team's end zone. Impetus was put on ball by the punting team: the block only changes direction of ball and not the impetus. (2 points)
 - (b) Ball carrier runs into his own end zone and is downed. Ball carrier responsible for ball being in the end zone. (2 points)
 - (c) Safety by penalty: When offensive team commits a foul, and spot of enforcement is behind their goal line. (2 points)
2. Player intercepts a pass in his own end zone and is downed. TOUCHBACK—Impetus came from forward pass.
3. If the intercepting momentum of a pass interception, inside intercepting team's 5-yard line carries the interceptor and the ball into the end zone, the ball is next in play at spot of interception, unless the intercepting player advances into field of play. This is irrespective of any other act (muff, fumble, pass or recovery) by either offensive or defensive team.

POSITION OF PLAYERS AT SNAP

1. Offensive team must have seven or more players on the line of scrimmage at snap.

2. Offensive players, other than the snap receiver who are not on line of scrimmage, must be at least one yard behind line at snap.
3. After neutral zone starts, no player of either team may encroach upon it, nor may he be off-side at snap.
4. From start of neutral zone until snap, no offensive player after assuming a set position shall charge or move in such a way as to lead defense to believe that the snap has started.
5. A player entering game wearing an illegal number for the position he takes, must report to the Referee. Referee in turn will report same to the defensive captain. (Specifically, player wearing ineligible pass receiver number, playing eligible pass receiving position)
6. After a huddle or shift all players of offensive team, after assuming a set position, must come to an absolute stop. Players must remain stationary for a period of at least one second before snap. There shall be no movement of feet, head, arms or swaying of body. (5-yard penalty for illegal pause or motion)
7. Lineman may lock legs with the snapper only.

USE OF HANDS, ARMS AND BODY

1. No player on offense may assist runner except by individually blocking opponents for him, and there shall be no interlocked interference.
2. Interior lineman who takes or simulates a three point stance must not move before snap. (5-yard penalty—false start)
3. Runner may ward off opponents with his hands and arms, but no other offensive player may use them to obstruct an opponent. That is, grasping with hands or using them to push, encircling with arm in any degree any part of body, during block.
4. Pass blocking is the obstructing of an opponent by use of that part of the blocker's body above his knees. During a legal block the hands must be cupped or closed and remain inside blocker's elbow(s) and must remain inside the frame of opponent as well as blocker's body. Arm(s) may be in a flexed position, but cannot be fully extended forward to create a push. By use of up and down action of flexed arm(s), blocker is permitted to ward off opponent's attempt to grasp jersey, arm(s) and prevent legal contact to head. Blocker is not permitted to push, clamp down on, hang on to or encircle opponent.
5. A defensive player may not tackle or hold any opponent other than a runner. He may use his hands and arms only:
 - (1) To ward off an obstructing opponent
 - (2) To push or pull him out of the way on line of scrimmage to cross it
 - (3) In an actual attempt to get at or tackle runner
 - (4) To push or pull him out of the way in an actual legal attempt to recover a loose ball
 - (5) During a legal block

6. A defensive player shall not contact an opponent above shoulders with palm of his hands except during an initial charge or to ward him off on line, and then only if it is not a repeated act against the same opponent during any one contact. Otherwise they may be used on his head, neck, or face only to ward off or push him in an actual legal attempt to get at ball.
7. Any offensive player who pretends to possess the ball, and/or one to whom a teammate pretends to give the ball, may be tackled provided he is *crossing* his scrimmage line between the offensive ends of a normal tight offensive line.
8. A player of either team may block anytime provided it is not pass interference, fair catch interference, or otherwise unnecessary roughness.
9. A player may not bat or punch:
 - (a) A loose ball (in field of play) towards opponents' goal line, or in any direction if it is in either end zone.
 - (b) A ball in player possession or attempt to do so.
 Exception: A pass in flight (forward or backward) may be batted in any direction, or at any time (including end zone), by (a) defense and (b) offense only to prevent an opponent from intercepting. (Penalty for illegal batting or punching of ball loss of 15 yards)
10. No player may kick or kick at any ball except as a punt, drop-kick, or place-kick. (Illegal kicking with foot, loss of 15 yards)

FORWARD PASS

1. Offensive team may make only one forward pass during each play from scrimmage. Penalty for second pass behind the line of scrimmage is loss of down from previous spot.
2. Forward pass from beyond line of scrimmage. Penalty, loss of down and 5 yards—enforced from the spot of the pass.
3. Forward pass from behind the line of scrimmage may be caught by only one eligible offensive receiver. All players on defense are eligible. If forward pass is touched by a defensive man, all players on the offensive team become eligible.
4. If a pass is caught simultaneously by two eligible *opposing* players, ball is awarded to passing team.
5. Any forward pass (legal or illegal) becomes incomplete and ball is dead immediately if pass
 - (a) Strikes ground or goes out of bounds.
 - (b) Strikes goal post or crossbar of either team.
 - (c) Is caught by any offensive player after it has touched an ineligible receiver, or second eligible receiver, and before any touching by defense.
 - (d) When illegal pass is caught by the passers.
6. A pass is complete when receiver touches the ground with *both* feet inbounds and with the ball in his possession. If a receiver is carried out of bounds by an opponent, while he is in possession inbounds in the air, pass is complete at out-of-bounds spot.

7. If a pass is touched by any ineligible receiver on or behind line or touches him beyond line, it is loss of down and 15 yards. (Before any touching by defense)
8. Fourth down pass—when offensive team is inside opponents' 20-yard line and fourth down pass is incomplete in end zone, it is an automatic touchback. Opponents' ball first and ten on 20-yard line.
9. (a) Ineligible receiver downfield. (Penalty is 15 yards.)
(b) Pass touched by ineligible receiver that has not been touched by a defensive man, is a foul. (Loss of down and 15 yards.)
10. Personal foul committed by the *defense prior* to the completion of a pass. (Penalty—15 yards added on to spot where ball becomes dead.)
11. Personal foul committed by the *offense prior* to the completion of pass. (Penalty—15 yards from previous spot (line of scrimmage) *unless* foul was behind that spot.)

INTENTIONAL GROUNDING OF A PASS

It is considered intentional incompletion of a forward pass when the ball strikes the ground after passer throws, tosses or lobs the ball with a deliberate attempt to prevent loss of yards by his team.

PASS INTERFERENCE

1. The restriction for the passing team starts with the snap of the ball and the restriction for the defensive team starts when the ball leaves the passer's hand, and ends when the ball is touched by anyone.
2. Defensive pass interference. (Penalty—automatic first down at the spot of foul)
3. Offensive pass interference including ineligible receiver downfield. (Penalty—15 yards from previous spot.)
4. It is interference by either offense or defense when any player movement beyond offensive team's line hinders the progress of an eligible opponent in his attempt to reach pass, except such incidental movement or contact which may occur when two or more eligible players make a simultaneous and bona fide attempt to catch or bat ball. This restriction ends for both teams when pass is touched.
5. "Simultaneous and bone fide" has reference to and shall be taken to mean the coming together of opposing eligible receivers at spot of possible completion or interception of a pass, when each of the players is intent on "playing the ball" and where contact between the players is unavoidable and incidental to the act or effort involved in attempting to catch or bat ball. Any contact prior to such a time is interference by either one or both players.
6. During a forward pass, it must be remembered that defensive players have as much right to the *path to ball* as eligible opponents. Any bodily contact, however severe, between players who are making a bona fide and simultaneous attempt to catch or bat ball, is not interference.
7. Pass interference by defense is independent of the direction in flight of pass, and as to whether or not offensive team might have

completed it. This is not a judgment situation on the part of the official. Passer may have changed his pass to another receiver due to interference or a possible receiver being covered.

BACKWARD PASS—FUMBLE

1. Fumble may be advanced by anyone either offense or defense.
Backward pass. (lateral pass)
(a) Offensive team may advance a fumbled lateral.
(b) Defensive team may only gain possession, unless caught in the air.
3. Fourth down fumble on or inside defensive team's 10-yard line (during play from scrimmage) before any touching by defensive team, only the offensive player fumbling the ball may advance it. If recovered or advanced by any other offensive player, the ball is dead at the spot of the fumble unless spot of recovery is behind the spot of the fumble.

KICKS FROM SCRIMMAGE

1. Any punt that touches the receiver's goal post is dead. Automatic touchback.
2. Any punt that touches kicker's goal post, ball continues in play. In such cases all rules pertaining to a scrimmage kick continue in force until kick ends.
3. Any punt that is blocked and does not cross the line of scrimmage is not a kicked ball—both teams eligible to recover and advance. Yardage to be gained must be made for first down.
4. Kicking team may never advance its own kick even though legal recovery was made. Possession only.
5. A member of the kicking team cannot down the ball on or inside opponent's 5-yard line if his momentum carries the ball into end zone. Possible to down ball on 1-inch line providing ball does not touch anything in end zone.
6. Fouls during a punt are enforced from the previous spot—line of scrimmage, unless by offensive team behind line of scrimmage. (Exceptions: Illegal touching, illegal fair catch interference, invalid fair catch signal and foul by kickers behind the line of scrimmage.) A punted ball remains a kicked ball until possessed by a player of either team or is declared dead.
7. Any member of the punting team may down the ball anywhere in the field of play. Illegal touching rule applies. For illegally touching a scrimmage kick: Official's time out and receiver's ball at any spot of illegal touching or possession. This foul does not offset a foul by the receivers during the down.
8. Defensive team may advance punts and unsuccessful field goals whether or not ball crosses the goal line. Rules pertaining to kicks from scrimmage apply until defensive team has gained possession.

FAIR CATCH

1. Valid only when one arm raised full length above the head.
2. Applies to all members of the receiving team. However, they are *not required* to catch the ball.

3. If a player signals (valid or invalid) for a fair catch, he may not block or initiate contact with one of the kickers until the ball touches a player.
PENALTY: For unsportsmanlike conduct after fair catch signal: Snap by receivers 15 yards behind spot of foul.
4. If ball hits ground or touches one of the kicking team in flight fair catch signal is off, and all rules for a kicked ball apply.
5. Interference with the opportunity to make a fair catch, 15-yard penalty. Any undue advance by a fair catch receiver is delay of the game. (5-yard penalty).
6. If time expires while ball is in play and a fair catch has been awarded to a team, they may choose to extend period by one free-kick down.

FOUL ON LAST PLAY OF HALF OR GAME

1. Foul by defense on last play of half or game: Down will be replayed if penalty is accepted.
2. Foul by offense on last play of half or game: Down will not be replayed, and the play in which the foul is committed is nullified. (No extension of period for an offensive foul)
Exception: Fair catch interference, illegal touching. No score by offense is counted.
3. Double foul on last play of half or game: The down is replayed.

DEFINITIONS

BALL IN PLAY: Ball is in play when it is legally free-kicked or snapped. It continues in play until down ends.

DEAD BALL: A dead ball is one which is not in play. The time period during which ball is dead is between downs.

LOOSE BALL: A loose ball is a live ball which is not in player possession.

MUFF: A muff is the touching of ball by a player in an unsuccessful attempt to obtain possession of a loose ball.

POSSESSION: A player is in possession when he has held ball long enough to give him such control as to enable him to perform any act common to game.

FOUL AND SPOT OF ENFORCEMENT: A foul is any violation of a playing rule. Spot of enforcement (basic spot) is the spot at which a penalty for a foul is enforced. Four such spots are commonly used:

- (a) Spot of Foul—Spot where foul was committed or is so considered by rule.
- (b) Previous Spot—Spot where ball was last put in play.
- (c) Spot of Snap, Pass Fumble, Return Kick or Free-Kick—Spot where the act connected with a given foul occurred or at which penalty is to be enforced.
- (d) Succeeding Spot—Spot where ball would next be put in play if no distance penalty were to be enforced.

Exception: If foul occurs after a touchdown and before the whistle for a try, succeeding spot is spot of next kick-off.

DOUBLE FOUL: If there is a double foul during a down in which there is a change of possession, the team last gaining possession may keep the ball

after enforcement for its foul, provided its foul was not prior to the final change of possession. (Otherwise fouls are enforced as off-setting in accordance with 12-3-1). If double foul occurs after a change of possession, Team B retains ball at spot possession was gained.

FREE-KICK: A free-kick is one which puts ball in play to start a free-kick down. It includes kick-off, safety-kick, and fair-catch kick.

IMPETUS: Impetus is the action of a player which gives momentum to ball.

NEUTRAL ZONE: The neutral zone is the space length of ball between the offensive and defensive teams.

ENCROACHING: A player is encroaching on the neutral zone when any part of his body is in the neutral zone.

Exception: The snapper is not considered in the neutral zone if no part of his body is *beyond* defensive team line. (Forward point of ball)

SHIFT: A shift is the action of two or more offensive players who (prior to a snap) after having assumed a set position, simultaneously change the position of their feet by pivoting to, or assuming a new set position with either one foot or both feet.

SAFETY: A safety is the situation in which ball is dead on or behind a team's own goal line, provided: The impetus came from a player of that team.

TOUCHBACK: A touchback is the situation in which a ball is dead on or behind a team's own goal line, provided: The impetus came from an opponent and provided it is not a touchdown.

FOULS

ENCROACHMENT: Example: Defensive lineman moving across the neutral zone and making contact with an opponent prior to the ball being snapped. Whistle kills play. No snap allowed.

OFF-SIDES: A player is off-sides when any part of his person is beyond his line of scrimmage, or free-kick line when the ball is put into play. (Does not include offensive center when he is snapping ball)

RUNNING INTO PASSER: Penalty: Loss of 15 yards from previous spot, and disqualification when flagrant.

Note: The Rules Committee is definitely committed to the policy of protecting the passer. A passer who is standing still or fading backwards, is obviously out of the play after ball has left his hands, and is to be protected until pass ends, or until he starts to move into a distinctly defensive position. Referee must determine whether opponent had a reasonable chance to stop his momentum during an attempt to block or bat pass, or to tackle passer while was still in possession.

RUNNING INTO KICKER: Penalty: For running into kicker, loss of yards from previous spot. For roughness, 15 yards, and disqualification when flagrant. (1st down in either case)

Note: Avoiding the kicker is a primary responsibility of defensive players if they do not touch the kick. A defensive player may touch a kicker only if he has previously touched the ball, or if the contact is caused by the kicker.

AUTOMATIC FIRST DOWN: Offensive team will be awarded first down on all defensive fouls with these five exceptions:

- (a) Off-sides
- (b) Encroachment
- (c) Delay of game
- (d) Illegal substitution
- (e) Excessive time-outs

FOULS BY OFFENSIVE TEAM BEHIND SCRIMMAGE LINE: All fouls committed by the offensive team behind the line of scrimmage in the *field of play* shall be penalized from the previous spot.

PENALTY ENFORCED ON FOLLOWING KICK-OFF

1. A team scored (touchdown, field goal, extra point or safety), and opponents commit a personal foul, unsportsmanlike conduct foul or obviously unfair act during the down—Penalty will be assessed on the following kick-off.
2. During continuing action after a team scores, if either team commits a personal foul—Penalty will be assessed on the following kick-off.

SUMMARY OF PENALTIES

FIVE YARDS

1. Crawling, pushing or helping runner.
2. Defensive holding. (automatic first down)
3. Delay of game.
4. Encroachment.
5. Exceeding thirty-second period.
6. Excessive time outs.
7. False start.
8. Illegal formation. (player neither on nor off the line of scrimmage at snap)
9. Illegal double shift.
10. Illegal motion.
11. Illegal motion by interior linemen.
12. Illegal substitution.
13. Kick-off out of bounds between goal lines without being touched by any player.
14. Making a forward pass beyond the line of scrimmage. (also loss of down)
15. Making an invalid fair catch signal.
16. More than eleven players on field during play.
17. Offensive team having less than seven men on the line of scrimmage at snap.
18. Off-sides.
19. Pausing less than one second after huddle or shift.
20. Running into kicker.
21. Short free-kick.
22. Two or more players in motion at snap.
23. Grabbing face mask of opponent (fifteen yards when flagrant and offender may be disqualified). If by defense, automatic first down.

FIFTEEN YARDS

1. Clipping.
2. Fair catch interference.
3. Forward pass intentionally touched by an ineligible receiver. (also loss of down)
4. Illegal batting, kicking or punching a loose ball. (if by defense, automatic first down)
5. Illegal use of hands and arms on offense.
6. Ineligible receiver down field.
7. Intentionally grounding the ball. (also loss of down)
8. Offensive pass interference.
9. Piling on. (if by defense, automatic first down)
10. Roughing the kicker. (automatic first down)
11. Roughing the passer. (automatic first down)
12. Unnecessary roughness. (if by defense, automatic first down)
13. Unsportsmanlike conduct. Player may not shove, push, strike or lay a hand on an official in an offensive or visual manner which may be misinterpreted.

BALL PLACED ON ONE YARD LINE

1. Defensive pass interference in defensive team's end zone. Offensive team's ball on defensive team's one yard line. (first and goal)

HALF THE DISTANCE PENALTY

1. If a distance penalty enforced from a specific spot between goal lines would carry the ball more than half the distance to offender's goal line, then the penalty shall be half the distance from the spot to goal line.

COMBINATION PENALTIES (LOSS OF DOWN AND YARDAGE)

1. Loss of down and 5 yards.
 - (a) Making a forward pass from scrimmage from beyond the line.
2. Loss of down and 15 yards.
 - (a) Pass from behind the line touching ineligible offensive player behind line (deliberate) or behind line.
 - (b) Intentionally throwing pass (from behind line) out of bounds or to the ground or against any player behind line.

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